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RUGBY STARS TURN OUT TO AID CHARITY TRACTOR RUN

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ABOVE: Rugby stars were welcome guests at a charity event. (See page 35).

THE farming community came together recently – to raise money for the family of a worker who died in a tragic accident.

A tractor run, in memory of Nick Jones, began at Llanillud Farm, near Pencoed, headed for Brynna, and then circled to the west, finishing at The Griffin Inn, Gilfach Goch, where there was a barbecue.

A total of 94 tractors joined the run, and when the group reached their final destination, there was an extra surprise, as former Welsh rugby great, Scott Quinnell, came along, accompanied by a number of Scarlets players, including Ken Owens and Jonathan Davies (*pictured above*).

Wayne Griffiths, one of the organisers, told The GEM: "We are still finalising the total raised, but it has passed £4,000.

"We are really grateful to Scott and the other rugby players who came along. The children were thrilled and they signed lots of autographs.

"Scott even autographed one of the tractors!"

Wayne added: "On behalf of my fellow organisers, I would like to thank everyone for coming along, and for their generosity,

"Also, our thanks go to all the businesses and individuals who gave us items for the charity auction."

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Jaguar Land Rover to end contract at Bridgend Ford 'three months early'

Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), in line with its contractual agreement from 2008, has served Ford Motor Company with three years' notice, which will end – three months early – Bridgend Ford's supply of V6 and V8 petrol engines for the luxury car marque.

It means production at the Bridgend plant will cease in September of 2020, rather than December that year.

Around 145,000 JLR engines, out of a total of close to 650,000 units across the marques, are produced at Ford's Bridgend plant each year.

The plant, which opened in 1980, employs around 1,900 people and specialises in producing petrol engines. It supports around 10,000 further supply-chain jobs in south Wales and beyond.

In early 2015, it was announced that production of JLR engines would move from Bridgend to its new plant in Wolverhampton.

Two years ago, Ford announced that it planned to invest £181 million into building new petrol engines from 2018 at the plant.

However, in September 2016, the company said that it would build only half of the 250,000 engines originally planned and would be committing £100m to the project, due to the success of its other advanced-technology engines and what it called "anticipated changes in demand" in Europe and other markets.

A spokesperson for Ford stated: "Given our long-established and successful relationship in the delivery of world-class engines, this is disappointing news for the Ford Bridgend Engine Plant.

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Suzy Davies AM meets local branch members of the National Autistic Society Cymru at the Senedd.

Have your say on a new Autism Bill for Wales

LOCAL residents are being encouraged to have their say on what could be included in a potential new law for Wales.

Paul Davies, AM for Preseli Pembrokeshire, was drawn from a ballot at the National Assembly for Wales to try and get a new law introduced in Wales.

Mr Davies' choice, supported by National Autistic Society Cymru, was to introduce an Autism Act for Wales.

After being accepted at the first stage by AMs from all parties in the Assembly, it has now gone out for consultation.

Suzy Davies, Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales West, said: "This is a real opportunity for residents to have their say on exactly how an Autism Act for Wales could look.

"Around 1 in every 100 people have autism in Wales. The means that even more people are living with autism as family and close friends.

"Last year, Welsh Government refused to back calls for an Autism Act as all other parties voted for one.

"This means that we have another opportunity to make sure that people with autism and their families get the services and support that they deserve."

Mrs Davies, who backed the initial calls for an Autism Act for Wales, added: "I have met with some of our local Autistic Society Cymru branches and I know they will be making sure their members as possible to take part.

"However, I would encourage as many residents as possible to have their say in the consultation before it closes."

The consultation into an Autism (Wales) Bill closes on November 20. It can be found on the Welsh Assembly website at: www.assembly.wales/en/bus-home/bus-legislation/proposed_members_bills/Pages/paul-davies.aspx

BCBC schools supply contract raises questions in the Assembly

A regional AM has questioned why a Port Talbot company wasn't allowed to bid for a contract to supply school furniture to Bridgend County Borough Council.

Bethan Jenkins, South Wales West, raised the issue with Leader of the House, Jane Hutt AM, in the National Assembly. She asked about local government procurement criteria and strategy, after being contacted by the company.

Ms Jenkins said: "They've put furniture in quite a lot of schools across Wales. But they weren't even allowed to put in a bid to BCBC, because they said they didn't have the experience or criteria to be able to do so. Therefore, that contract went to a company in Yorkshire."

Ms Jenkins said that at a meeting the previous week, the Welsh Government's Finance Secretary, Mark Drakeford, had raised the issue of community benefits and trying to keep contracts in Wales whenever possible.

She told Ms Hutt: "I'm not very happy to hear, for a company that I deem to be specialists, of that work going out of Wales.

"Do local authorities have a structure they can follow, or does it change from local authority to local authority, which obviously puts those putting in a bid in a very difficult position?"

Ms Hutt said there is a new code of practice on ethical procurement and that community benefits are at the forefront of it, ensuring access for local supply chains whenever possible.

She told Ms Jenkins: "I'm sure this is a matter that the Cabinet Secretary would be able to clarify."

AM calls for inquiry into scale of poor cavity wall insulation

OGMORE AM Huw Irranca-Davies is calling for an inquiry into the extent of sub-standard cavity wall insulation in Wales.

He said at the National Assembly that when it's done well, insulation can transform homes for the better.

But he added: "When it's done poorly, and I suspect probably every Assembly Member will have instances of poor installation, it is a disaster.

"I have one constituent from a family of no great means whose only investment is their home.

"Their home was great – they'd invested a lot of money in it – until they were advised on a Government-backed scheme to invest in cavity wall insulation

"It has destroyed their house and it has destroyed their family around it. It's terrible to behold."

Mr Irranca-Davies said this was not the only example. He said AMs had previously been told that 2,000 claims of sub-standard insulation, representing around one in every 150 households that have had work done.

He said: "If there were one in 150 cars breaking down, or one in 150 cans of beans rife with mould that you picked up from a supermarket, there'd be an outcry.

"I'd welcome the opportunity to have a full debate to see how widespread this issue is."

He claimed that compensation payments made by the Cavity Insulation Guarantee Agency are not sufficient to repair homes affected by badly-installed insulation.

Later, Vale AM Jane Hutt said that tighter regulations were on the way.

The Leader of the House said "competent person schemes" were introduced in 2010 which covered the installation of cavity wall insulation.

These schemes allow installers to self-certify that the work done complies with building regulations.

Regulations introduced on October 1 will help ensure that only suitable properties are insulated.

Ms Hutt said: "The new proposals include greater surveillance by the competent person schemes operators of their installers to help identify bad practice and non-compliant work."

For existing insulations, officials will be meeting the main guarantee provider, the Cavity Insulation Guarantee Agency, to discuss progress in resolving outstanding claims.

REPORT BY MICHAEL PROSSER

READERS' LETTERS

Britain a slave to Europe...

HAVING sent a few letters to The GEM with my views on Brexit, I have been reading online the UK's contributions.

I was surprised to find that the UK is one of only nine member states that are net contributors (who pay in more money than we get back).

Is this the way we wanted to go on supporting the rest of Europe by working longer hours, paying more taxes, being the slaves of Europe?

We will be better off when we break away – time to stand up and be counted.

Ashley Wallace, Barry.

'You can't have your cake and eat it, dad'

I WOULD like to reply to my dad's letter (Ashley Wallace, '*Why Slovenia and not south Wales?*') published in last week's GEM.

The reason Slovenia had EU money to upgrade the railways, and not the UK, is because the UK voted out of the EU.

You can't have your cake and eat it, dad.

So, as you advised in your previous published letter, to the millions of people who did not vote in the referendum, I say – '*Shhhhhhhh*'.

And in any case, when did you last use the train?!

Lisa Wallace, Barry

'Seize the moment over lagoon' – Welsh Conservatives' plea

SENIOR Welsh Conservatives have signed a joint letter to the Prime Minister, asking the UK Government to "seize the moment" and back the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon.

Among those making the appeal are Leader of the Welsh Conservatives and regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, and the Welsh Party Chairman, Byron Davies. Welsh MPs and AMs have also added their names.

The letter stated: "The Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon can revitalise the Welsh economy with a new market for traditional Welsh manufacturers and industries, a new career path for students and workers alike, a myriad of new commercial opportunities in leisure, tourism and conservation, and a positive, far-sighted and forward-thinking statement to the world."

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 12)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
05 Thur	06.56	9.9	19.11	10.2
06 Fri	07.32	10.4	19.52	10.4
07 Sat	08.13	10.5	20.33	10.6
08 Sun	08.52	10.6	21.12	10.4
09 Mon	09.29	10.3	21.53	10.0
10 Tues	10.12	9.9	22.37	9.7
11 Wed	10.57	9.4	23.29	9.0
12 Thur	11.57	8.8		

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Guests at the Civic Service.

Mayor offers thanks to county borough at civic blessing service

THE Mayor and First Citizen of the County Borough of Bridgend, Coun Pamela Davies, enjoyed her civic blessing service, arranged by the Bridgend County Civic Charity Committee and held at St Mary's Catholic Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend recently.

The service was conducted by the Mayor's Deacon, Rev Dr Philip Manghan, and assisted by Rev Canon Michael Komor, giving readings and prayers in both Welsh and English with well-known hymns 'Calon Lân' and 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer' sung by the congregation.

The address was given by the Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), Coun Huw David, who gave a little inside story to the Mayor's working life before retiring and her interests in her work as a councillor. The theme of the service was 'to love one another'.

The choir, Bois Goetre Hen, with their musical director Dale Evans sang 'Gwahoddiad' and 'Deep River' which everybody enjoyed. The organist at the Service was Menna Davies, a charity committee member.

The church was full and many former colleagues and friends attended with borough councillors, town and community councillors, dignitaries including the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Felicity Ladbrook, representing the Lord Lieutenant, Chris Elmore MP, Huw Irranca-Davies AM, Richard Hughes, chief executive of Awen, members of the BCBC cabinet, charity members and the Mayor's family and friends.

After a moving and inspiring service, everyone was invited to the church hall for the afternoon tea, organised by the civic charity committee, with homemade sandwiches, cakes with donations from both Tesco local stores, Sainsbury's and Talgarth Bakery.

Soloist Beverley Davies sang classical and popular songs during the tea.

Before leaving the church hall, Mari Major, charity secretary and coordinator, thanked Rev Dr P Manghan and Rev Canon M Komor, Bois Goetre Hen Choir, the charity committee and supporters, and all present for their support.

Coun Pamela Davies added her thanks for the support throughout the county borough.

The next charity event is on Friday, October 13, when compere Eira Paskin will introduce the Voskresenije Vocal Ensemble from St Petersburg, and Côr Coity, at St Mary's Church, Ewenny Road, Bridgend at 6pm; tickets £10 each. For further information and to reserve tickets, contact: Mari Major on 01656 651491 or Marlene Thomas on 01656 871439.

Bridgend infant deaths: *Mother pays tribute to her 'beautiful boys'*

THE mother of two infants who were found unresponsive at home in the Wildmill area of Bridgend has paid a heartfelt tribute to her sons, Noah and Charlie.

Their deaths are not being treated as suspicious. A post mortem to determine what may have caused their sudden deaths is due to be carried out.

Noah and Charlie, who were two of triplets, leave behind their surviving brother, Ethan.

The mother's tribute to her sons:

"We are devastated at the loss of our two beautiful babies, who, along with their brother Ethan, lit up our world. Noah and Charlie were my life, heart and soul.

"They were the happiest babies, they always had a smile for everyone and made everyone smile back.

"I would give anything to hold my beautiful boys, to see them smile, hear them laugh or even hear them cry. "I am completely lost and heartbroken without them it feels like I've lost my limbs.

"Noah and Charlie, along with their brother Ethan, were my world and life will never be the same again.

"I am proud every day to call all of them my sons and feel privileged to have been able to love and hold them.

I love you - my beautiful baby boys – I always have and always will. You will never be forgotten.

"Lots of love your mummy xx"

There was also a message from the family: *"Words cannot describe how empty we feel at this awful time.*

"We would like to thank everybody for their kind words and for their offers of support which have meant so much to us.

"Now we respectfully ask to be left alone, as a family, to grieve in peace."

Town Mayor's civic service

Mayor of Bridgend Town, Coun Stuart Baldwin and his consort Coun Nicole Burnett.

THE Mayor of Bridgend Town, Coun Stuart Baldwin, held his civic service at the Bridgend United Church, on September 24.

The service, held every year to celebrate the inauguration of the new Mayor, is steeped in history and is the traditional way of asking for God's guidance on the mayor for the forthcoming year. It also marks the strong historic links between council and Church.

Guests included dignitaries, past and present mayors of Bridgend town, parish and county councillors, alongside Bridgend town councillors and officers.

The Mayor's chosen charity for the year is Stonewall Cymru; however, with the tragic death of baby brothers Noah and Charlie in Wildmill on September 23, an additional collection was arranged on the day of the service for the family. In total the collections raised over £400.

Coun Stuart Baldwin said: "It is a real honour to be the Mayor and a councillor for the three wards of Bridgend town. Highlights so far include meeting lots of residents, as I have travelled across the borough and witnessed the generosity of so many people."

Bridgend Town Council plans a 'Wartime Christmas' day

ACCORDING to spokesperson Brent Davies, arts project officer of Bridgend Town Council based at Carnegie House, Christmas in Bridgend will "burst to life on Saturday, November 25 with something the town has never experienced".

One of the highlights will be a follow up to the Wartime in Bridgend event held in Bridgend last June. On Saturday, December 2, Bridgend town will be presented with 'Christmas from the 1940s', which, said Mr Davies, "...promises to be even more remarkable".

Already signed up are demonstrations and exhibitions including: 1940s candle making, decorations and stocking making; wartime displays, school activities of the time; military displays; vintage vehicles; historical walks and talks and presentations from Porthcawl Museum, Barry at War Group; Bridgend Island Farm Hut 9; and much more.

Mr Davies said that the first of the attractions – the Santa Parade, and Santa's Grotto organised by Bridgend Lions International. The group is celebrating its centenary year in Bridgend town.

"The Lions promise,' he added, "the best-ever experience for local children over a four week Saturday period, and Santa will be accompanied by Rudolph and his reindeer friends on show in Wyndham Street for the whole day.

The third Saturday, December 9, will be 'A White Christmas in Bridgend' when snow comes to the town. Mr Davies said: "Get inside a giant snow globe and have your photo taken, watch as a magical ice sculpture is carved, enjoy snowy street entertainment and play in the snow flurries on the hour.

"It's free for all the family."

Local organisations, choirs, musicians or street performers that would like to get involved are welcome to contact the Town Council on 01656 815757 to be included in this programme.

Porthcawl at war: October 1917 – by Ceri Joseph

Porthcawl suporters at the railway station, to watch Clem Lewis play for Wales.

The National School, Porthcawl.

ABOVE: Clem Lewis.

Mata Hari.

Tom Turner and family.

Private Trevor Thomas.

Porthcawl historian Ceri Joseph continues her look at life in Porthcawl 100 years ago, during World War One. This month, she looks at October 1917.

THE beginning of October 1917 marked the 50th anniversary of an event of which many at the time would not have been aware.

It was on October 1, 1867 that the black and white flag of the German Navy was hoisted for the first time. The ceremony took place at Kiel, and as the German Empire was not yet in existence, it was the Confederation of North Germany that the flag symbolised.

After German unification in 1870, the same flag remained as the ensign of a navy that would not only challenge British supremacy of the seas, but also contribute to the onset of World War 1.

Yet in Porthcawl in early October 1917, it was maritime news of a different kind that evoked the concern of the town's residents.

During a storm on October 4, the schooner *Jane Knox* of Plymouth, sailing from Briton Ferry to St Brieuc, Brittany with a cargo of coal, sank off Hwtchins Point, Porthcawl.

Wreckage from the ship was washed up onto the shore - but there was no sign of the crew. All aboard had perished.

The following day, Saturday 5, while walking near the Rivermouth at Ogmore by Sea, Mr Thomas Bevan of Danylan Farm, Newton, found the body of a man which later was identified as that of Captain Henry Johns, 40; the master of the ill-fated boat.

Within a few days, two other bodies had been washed up: that of, Lawrence Johns, 19 and William Johns, 17; the sons of the captain.

The Rev T Holmes Morgan officiated at their funeral in St John's churchyard, Newton, while 'the Porthcawl and Newton police, under the charge of Sergeant Jenkins, acted as bearers.' (Porthcawl News, October 18 1917.)

During the month quite a few local servicemen had been home on furlough; most notably Lieutenant Clem Lewis, 16th Battalion (Cardiff City) Welsh Regiment who, having recovered from wounds and the effects of gas poisoning, suffered at Pilkem Ridge in August, spent a few days with his parents in the town.

Lewis had begun his rugby career with Porthcawl before going on to play first class rugby for Bridgend and Cardiff. He was awarded his Cambridge Blue in 1913 while studying at St Catherine's College, a year after gaining his first Welsh cap against England.

While home he remarked that 'he hopes to play more rugger games when the greater game has been won.' (Porthcawl News October 11, 1917.) Thankfully, Lewis did fulfil his desires as after the war he rejoined Cardiff and was recalled to the Welsh squad in 1921, going on to captain the national side in 1923.

After the war, he became a schoolmaster in Cornelly and served in the Civil Defence during World War Two. Clem Lewis died at his Porthcawl home in 1944, aged 54.

In October, Clem's uncle, Mr William Burnell, received a poignant letter from his son, Private Richard Wallace Burnell, serving with the Northamptonshire Regiment in Flanders.

In the letter, he states that he is 'quite well after being through some heavy fighting.' He then goes on to describe his visit to the graves of 'two Porthcawl heroes,' at Essex Farm Cemetery, West Vlanderen, Belgium.

The graves were those of Sapper Tom Turner, 15/3/1917 and Private Trevor Thomas, 21/08/1916. Private Burnell states that he was pleased to see that the graves were so well looked after. The photographs that accompanied the letter confirmed this.

A few days later, as a result of Walli's letter, Tom's brother Jack was able to reassure the mother of another hero back home in Porthcawl that her son's grave was well looked after.

Comforting words and support like this were essential in helping people through their grief, as there was no funeral for them to attend. Tragically, William Burnell would need that same support in March 1918.

Letters home were not confined to the Western Front. By October 1917, the Palestine theatre had become the second largest in terms of forces deployed, after the Western Front.

Trooper William Griffiths of Nottage, serving there with the Welsh Regiment, writes home describing how 'our troops have ridden along the ancient road of invasion that led from Palestine down into Egypt.'

As you read his account, which includes references to the wars of Ptolemy and Rome, plus references to Biblical place names, you cannot fail to note his excitement and wonder at seeing all the places he had learned about, before the war.

Yet as a soldier, Trooper Griffiths was part of General Robert Allenby's campaign to mount an attack on the Turkish forces at Gaza and take Jerusalem; which Allenby prophesied would be an early Christmas present for the British people.

The attack, which was launched on October 27, continued into December – and proved to be the catalyst for the Balfour Declaration, which will be discussed in next month's issue.

However, earlier in the month Mr David Hutchinson, newsagent of John Street, received the sad news that his nephew Private Frederick Edward Giddy had died in Egypt on October 3. Fred was born in Newport in October 1897, the eldest of three sons born to Fred Giddy and Catherine Hutchinson.

Although born in Bideford in Devon, Fred Senior had joined the Great Western Railway in 1893 and had been posted to Porthcawl in 1895 as a porter, where he met and married Catherine a year later. That same year, 1896, Fred was transferred to Newport as a railway shunter, where his sons were born.

In 1907, the family moved to Gloucester, where their sister Lily was born. In April 1911, young Fred is found working as a newsboy for Uncle David in Porthcawl and attending The National School, Lias Road (Co-op today). Sadly, Fred Jnr's mother Cassie died in October 1911 and it appears that Fred stayed in Porthcawl.

At the outbreak of war, young Fred joined the Glamorgan Yeomanry, but by February 1917, his unit has been incorporated into the newly-formed 'C Squadron' 24th Battalion, Welsh Regiment. The battalion, formed from the dismounted Pembroke and Glamorgan Yeomanries, was transferred to the 231st Brigade of the 74th Yeomanry Division, which eventually saw action for the first time between April-June 1917 near Egypt.

The 74th were next in action at Gaza in October. It is unclear how Private Giddy died. Yet as he died some weeks prior to the third Battle of Gaza, it can only be conjectured that he either died from wounds received from the earlier conflict, at the hands of a sniper, or from disease.

Private Frederick Giddy is remembered with honour at Alexandria War Memorial Cemetery and the Porthcawl Memorial. He was 20 years old.

Finally, two international items of news reached Porthcawl before the month was out. On October 15 in France, the Dutch spy Mata Hari, who was perceived to have been working for the Germans and causing the deaths of many thousands of French soldiers, was executed by firing squad. Recent research proffers the opinion that her immoral lifestyle and tenuous links with Germany hastened her death.

It has been suggested that as an exotic dancer in Berlin prior to the war, she had had German lovers and the fact that she naively travelled extensively around Europe drew prejudicial comment from the establishment and Allied intelligence.

Mata Hari, whose real name was Margaretha Geertruida Zelle, faced the firing squad without being tied to the stake or blindfolded; was dressed elegantly in a two-piece suit, blew a kiss to the priest and her lawyer, an ex-lover, and met her fate without flinching.

Also in October 1917, politicians at Westminster were discussing the possibility of 'A League of Nations' after the war. The idea of countries working together to maintain world peace would later come to fruition in January 1920, as a result of the Versailles Peace Conference.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE?

Guy Fawkes Night

THE Rotary Club of Maesteg held a very successful display last year and have decided to hold the display this year on Saturday, November 4 at the Maesteg Rugby Club.

The display will commence at 7.30pm, with gates opening at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be available from the rugby club,

All profits from the evening will be distributed to local charities.

Any inquiries, call Tal Harries on 07999 886142.

Marines Band in concert

A CONCERT of the Band and Corps of Drums of Her Majesty's Royal Marines will take place on Saturday, October 14 at 7.30pm at the Garw Leisure Centre, Pontycymer.

The concert is in aid of The Poppy Appeal and will also feature guests Maesteg Male Voice Choir and joint choirs from Blaengarw, Ffaldau and Ysgol Cwm Garw Primary Schools.

Tickets (£7 adults, £3 children up to 16) are on sale at Pontycymer Post Office.

For further information, call 01656 870304 or email norman.dean@pgbroadband.co.uk.

Bridgend's Karen in Worldskills UK finals

Karen at the Wales Hair and Beauty Show 2016 where she was placed third.

A Welsh college student is through to the national finals of the WorldSkills UK competitions, taking place at the Birmingham NEC in November.

Karen Coates from Bridgend is one of nine Coleg Gwent students taking part.

Each student came in the top few of their chosen trade at the Skills Competition Wales finals and will be among 500 skilled apprentices from across the UK.

With around 70,000 spectators, they will all be competing for the chance to be number one in their chosen trade and represent the UK at the WorldSkills Kazan event in 2019.

Karen (19) of Cefn Glas, studies theatrical, special effects hair and media make-up at Coleg Gwent.

She joins her fellow students in representing Wales after coming second at the Body Painting WorldSkills UK regional heat in Walsall.

"I'm excited for the finals of WorldSkills UK and it's been a massive learning curve, allowing me to progress my skills in a high pressure environment. I've loved every minute of it! It's been great to get more insight into the industry and what is expected from you in the world of work."

'No need to fear prison plan'

BRIDGEND'S experience shows that the people of Port Talbot need have no fear over a plan to build a prison at Margam, says Carwyn Jones.

Facing questions about the plan in the National Assembly, the First Minister and Bridgend AM pointed out he has a prison in his constituency.

He told members: "It was very controversial when it was built. I was the ward councillor at the time.

"Now, no-one takes any notice of it. It employs many people, and there's a housing estate being built not far from the walls of the prison.

"Nevertheless, it is important that people's concerns are addressed, because I remember people's concerns at the time. It is important that the MoJ (Ministry of Justice) carries out a full consultation with people in the area. That is their responsibility.

"Our responsibility lies with the issue of the land."

In selling the land, owned by the Welsh Government, Mr Jones said it will look to get the best deal possible for Welsh taxpayers.

He said: "We are, on the issue of the prison, not actively promoting a prison. We want to get the best financial outcome for the Welsh taxpayer."

MAESTEG CANOE CLUB SHOW MP THEIR SKILLS

MEMBERS of Maesteg Canoe Club displayed their skills to Ogmore MP, Chris Elmore, last week, when he visited one of their weekly sessions.

The club offers sessions every Wednesday evening between 7pm and 8pm for juniors and for over 18s between 8pm and 9pm at Maesteg Swimming Pool.

Mr Elmore commented: "I've been waiting for the opportunity to get down to the Canoe Club for ages – it's fantastic to see so many local residents of all ages taking part in this sport even as we head into the winter months."

During the summer, the club meets at the docks in Port Talbot, before reverting back to indoor canoeing for the winter months.

The MP continued: "Many thanks to Emily and Dan for inviting me along. I'd encourage anybody who wants to try out a new sport to get in touch with the club – they're a very friendly bunch!"

The Canoe Club can be contacted by calling Emily on 07810 151305. Weekly sessions for adults cost £5, with youngsters able to join a junior session for only £3.60.

Newcastle ward surgery

Carolyn Webster, Conservative councillor for Newcastle Ward, Bridgend, invites residents to her monthly surgery in Bridgend Library, Halo Recreation Centre, Bridgend on October 7, between 10am and 12 noon.

No appointment is necessary. Should you wish to contact Carolyn Webster outside of this time, her telephone number is 077435 74786; or email her at cllr.carolyn.webster@bridgend.gov.uk.

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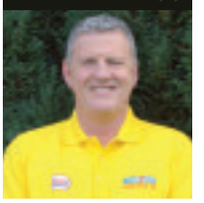

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Explorers lay fundraising plans for Kandersteg trip

ON September 17, ten Explorers helped out at the Mayor's civic service in the Catholic Church, Bridgend.

It was a great honour to be asked to help on this special occasion and to be able to give something back to our community.

On September 29, the Explorer group ran a quiz night at the Grove, Porthcawl, along with a raffle. The aim of the evening was to raise both money and awareness for our Kandersteg trip in summer 2018.

An enjoyable night was had by all, and £235.50 was raised.

Upcoming events that the Explorers are participating in are a bag pack on October 7 at Sainsbury's store near the McArthur Glen outlet, another quiz night in Porthcawl (date to be confirmed), the Christmas swim at Porthcawl, and many more events yet to be finalised.

We have received £780 in donations and have raised £554.04 ourselves, with many opportunities to raise more money.

If you have any events we can help out at or donations you'd like to give, contact us at: explorekanderstag2018@gmail.com

Thank you for your time and any help is much appreciated.

Conor Farrell-John (Explorer Scout)

Rain fails to stop play on fun day

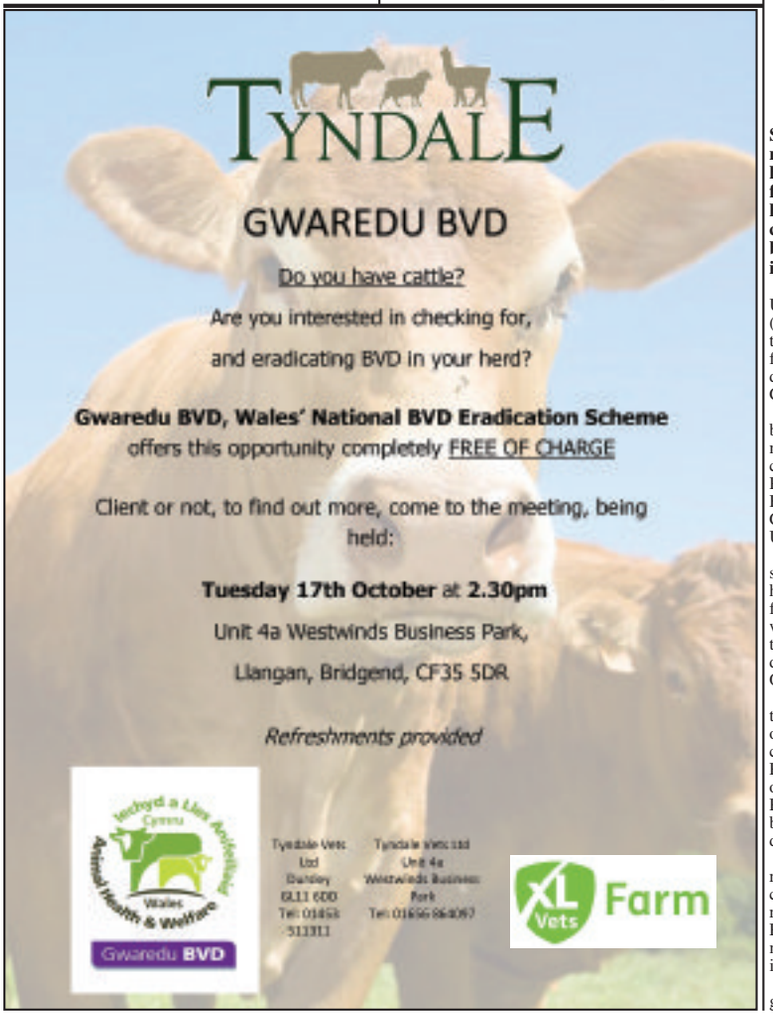
THE third village fun day was held on Southerndown cricket field last week – and it was yet again a successful day – even though the rain descended at 3 o'clock with vengeance; however, the kids loved it and carried on enjoying themselves!

Alun Cairns once again supported the event and everyone appreciated him coming and spending time chatting to those attending, as well as those running the stalls.

The social committee are very grateful to all those who gave their time and support, plus all the wonderful raffle donations.

It has been amazing to have cricket played every Saturday through the summer at Southerndown, with barbecues monthly – so it was a fitting end to the season, roll on next year.

Jill James



New centre sets college students up for Success

ON Thursday, Bridgend College officially opened its newest building, the Fairwood Trust Success Centre, a collaborative working hub on the Pencoed campus.

It will provide learners with a working space to help improve their literacy and numeracy skills, build confidence, and create a safe environment to study.

The building, which has been made possible by a £225,000 regeneration grant from the charity, Fairwood Trust, features a meet and greet area with modern, shared and open-plan working spaces.

Charles Middleton, director of the Fairwood Trust, who officially opened the centre, said: "We are delighted to have supported Bridgend College with a grant to help them develop their new Success Centre.

"Bridgend College embodies the spirit of the Fairwood Trust and this regeneration project stood out as a perfect candidate for us to support with one of our final grants.

"I am sure the Success Centre will help many students to learn, develop and grow in an exciting new environment on campus, which is something the Fairwood Trust has supported and believed in over the course of its duration."

Simon Pirotte, CEO & principal of Bridgend College, said: The new success centre is absolutely fantastic. It was only a few short months ago an aspirational hope that we would have a space like this.

"This brand-new centre will help us raise learners' aspirations and improve standard of skills such as literacy and numeracy. As a FE college, we will continue to support all learners to progress with our mission, which is, to '*Be all that you can be*'.

"This was all made possible by the very kind donation from the Fairwood Trust, and has now given us that stepping stone to let us continue to give learners the experience, which will motivate and empower them to achieve better outcomes and lead more successful lives. We can't thank the Fairwood Trust enough."

Sony squad pitch in to support the sick children

STAFF at a Pencoed manufacturing facility have laced up their football boots – to help support charities caring for children battling serious illness.

A team from Sony UK Technology Centre (UK TEC) has taken to the pitch for a fundraising game against distributors RS Components.

The event supported both organisations' nominated charities: the children's ward at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, and Children with Cancer UK.

The charitable event saw teams go head to head at Pen y Bont football club on Friday, with Sony UK TEC's team led by managing director Steve Dalton OBE.

He was joined by team members working on the UK's best-selling computer of all time, the Raspberry Pi, who took on members of Raspberry Pi's Corby-based electronics distributor.

The match followed a recent milestone for both companies having reached 10 million Raspberry Pis manufactured in Wales in just five years.

After a hard-fought game RS claimed victory with a score of 4-1

Mr Dalton said: "We'd like to thank RS Components for taking part in this extremely enjoyable match for two great causes.

"It is our pleasure to host these fantastic events, which not only bring together our staff and valuable clients, but also prove to be an enjoyable afternoon for their families too. Most importantly they help to make a difference in the lives of children who are bravely undergoing treatment.

"As a socially responsible business Sony UK TEC prides itself on working with communities across Wales, so we are thrilled to be supporting the vital work at the Princess of Wales Hospital once again along with Children with Cancer UK."

This is the second time this year Sony UK TEC, which produces thousands of HD broadcast and professional camera systems annually, has taken to the pitch to support the Bridgend hospital.

So far, over £40,000 has been raised through sporting events, fundraisers, and donations to help support the unit's specialist work.

BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB ROUND-UP

THE results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are:

September 20: first, John Beard and Liam Sheridan; second, Graham Norris and Dave Lea; third, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham.

The winners on handicap were Graham Norris and Dave Lea.

September 21: first, Tegwen Bond and Jan Watts; second, Frances Heslin and Dee Finch; third, Dylis Bowser and Stuart Davies.

The winners on handicap were Tegwen Bond and Jan Watts.

September 22: first, Jane Brook and Wendy Williams: second, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford; third, Irene Wickham and Mari Jones.

The winners on handicap were Irene Wickham and Mari Jones.

Regular club nights take place on on Wednesdays and Fridays at Nolton church hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm again at Nolton church hall, there is gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner; visitors and new members are always welcome.

Lessons take place on Wednesdays at 4pm at the church hall, and are for both beginners and those whowould like to improve their play.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities contact one of Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 649138.

Wick Apple Festival

SUSTAINABLE Wick Community Group are organising the third annual Apple Festival at Wick Sports Pavilion, on Sunday, October 15 from 2pm to 4pm.

Participants will be able to bring their own apples to the festival and learn how to make apple juice using the apple presses that will be in place on the day. People are asked to bring their own containers for the juice.

The underlying theme is to celebrate the harvest of this year's crop of apples and other fruits.

There will also be fun activities including a children's corner, a quiz, apple games, local produced preserves on sale, a greenwood working demonstration, a raffle, tea and cakes.

Contact Mike Webb on 07512231801 for further information.

The forgotten Korean war as both sides wait for phone to ring...

WATCHING the unfolding twitter storm, insult trading, and intercontinental missile launches – it is easy to forget that the UK was the second largest military contributor to the Korean War in 1950.

Most of the personnel were National Service conscripts and more were killed and wounded than in both the recent Iraq and Afghan wars.

The UK, a permanent member of the National Security Council, sent personnel as part of a UN force led by the US. We remain committed to the defence of South Korea to this day.

The UK has always sent forces to the Invincible Warrior exercises held by South Korean and US forces. Not large numbers, but we remain committed to the protection of South Korea – as a standing commitment to the UN.

Here in Wales, Operation Vambrace Warrior brought special forces from the UK, US and Japan to take part in a week-long exercise to repel an attack from North Korea.

As a member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly I was invited to attend meetings in South Korea to discuss and review the current tensions and planning there. There was a vote in the Commons on the second reading of the Great Repeal Bill but whips agreed it was important I attended the meetings.

I was 'paired' with a Conservative who would also miss the vote, so the outcome would not change.

Before leaving for these visits, there are briefing documents to read and meetings to attend, so you arrive understanding the UK perspective. Looking back, reading about North Korea sending people to work in China, Russia and even to Poland to earn foreign currency, came as a surprise.

Conditions in the labour camps, especially in Russia, were harsh, yet despite the North Korean state taking 80 per cent of the wages earned, there did not appear to be a lack of volunteers to take on the tasks.

The new leader, Kim Jong-un, came to power promising two areas of growth – economic and the development of nuclear weapons capability. He has kept both promises.

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON is writing a monthly report from Westminster for The GEM.

The contrasting wealth, technological innovation, and economic success of South Korea is stark. From the devastating poverty and infrastructure devastation following the Korean War, the country has built a highly successful economy.

Samsung televisions, computers, mobile phones, Daewoo buses, Hyundai and Kia cars, ship building, minerals and plastics all drive a thriving technologically advanced economy.

There is massive investment in education and in research and development. Korean beauty products and music are the 'must haves' of many of the younger generations.

This is a dangerous part of the world. Historic tensions have been put to one side, but not forgotten, to allow trade to develop between South Korea, China, Russia, and Japan. Japan and South Korea are close allies of the US.

Japanese brutal occupation of South Korea is etched deeply into memories. China and Russia have been long- term supporters of North Korea and are opposed to greater US involvement in the south.

When US THAD (Terminal High Altitude Defence) missiles were deployed into South Korea after the firing of missiles from the north, China retaliated.

A total of 87 South Korean department stores in China were closed for fire safety infringements and Chinese tourism into the south declined by 75 per cent.

A visit to the DMZ (De-militarised Zone), the border between the north and south is an eerie experience that exemplifies the tension. There is an air of unreality as you gaze across mine fields, see the three tunnels built by the North Koreans to bring military forces into the south and see the memorials to soldiers killed by invading forces during the armistice; there is no peace agreement ending the war in 1953.

When you enter the South Korean zone, soldiers leave the North Korean side of the border to photograph your every move. The tension is palpable.

This visit to South Korea is one I will never forget. I met civil, military and government leaders. I talked to ambassadors and visited key sites, then collapsed with a Korean strain of double pneumonia and was admitted to hospital.

My NATO colleagues left, most of the medical and nursing staff had little English and I was very ill.

The care was superb, and it's amazing what you can do with sign language, single words and Google translate. I was in the hospital for five days and back in a hotel room for a further five, negotiating between an insurance company and an airline to convince everyone I was fit to fly.

Those days were awful but incredibly useful. Talking about why I was in the country, how Koreans felt about the missile threats and the growing tension, and ways forward, were illuminating.

The resilience of the South Koreans living with the daily tension and threat from the north was amazing. The kindness and eagerness to explain despite the language barrier inspiring.

Now I am back in Porthcawl, breathing good Welsh air and trying to rebuild my strength. So what next? Sanctions have to be the way forward; there is much that can be achieved there.

There is an opportunity for old enemies to face the need to work together and find a common solution. In Panmunjom there is a telephone line between the North and South Korean governments. The line is rung four times a day. It was last picked up by the North Koreans in 2013.

Dialogue is ultimately the only way forward, so we must hope one day soon, the phone is answered.

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Travelling the old-fashioned way through Cowbridge

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The same is true of Bridgend (and probably any town that has a pub with that popular name).

Last weekend, the Carmarthen-based Tristar Coaching Team four in hand retraced the old routes for a coach journey in aid of Calonau Cymru Welsh Hearts, in loving memory of Mrs June Williams, who is sadly missed by her family and all the Tristar team.

GEM photographer Glyn Evans happened to be in Cowbridge as they passed through.

The journey began at the Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen, at 11am on Friday, September 29, and called at Kidwelly, Llanelli, Swansea, Bridgend, and Cowbridge, before finishing at Cardiff Castle on Sunday, October 1.

People wanting a taste of old time travel could buy a ticket for a section of the route, with all the money raised going to the charity Calonau Cymru Welsh Hearts to purchase and install lifesaving defibrillators in schools and public places along the route.

This event was very generously match-funded by HSBC Bank.

Embark on a new adventure at The BIG Volunteering Fayre!

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) will be hosting The BIG Volunteering Fayre on Thursday, October 12 from 11am to 4.30pm at Barry Memorial Hall.

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Volunteering is a big part of life in the Vale of Glamorgan; it's a good way to get to know your community better, meet new people, and gain new experiences. You'll also boost your chances of finding paid work.

The BIG Volunteering Fayre is a great opportunity to have a relaxed chat with over 60 volunteering providers. There will be a selection of volunteering opportunities promoted, including: recreational, substance misuse, health and social care, fundraising, administration, environmental, community libraries, driving, youth work, children and families support – and many more.

Building on the success of the first BIG Volunteering Fayre, when more than 300 people attended, the second event promises to be even better.

If you would like to attend, just come along on the day and a warm welcome is guaranteed.

For all enquiries, contact GVS on 01446 741706; email enquiries@gvs.wales or see www.gvs.wales.

AFTER GLASTONBARRY...

'Penarth Rocks' is set for May 2018

TWO young impresarios, who created the GlastonBARRY tribute festival, which attracts visitors from all over the UK and even Europe, are hoping they can replicate their success in Penarth.

Ross Mackintosh and Matt Blumberg.

Matt Blumberg and Ross Mackintosh of Mack Events launched GlastonBARRY at the Memorial Hall in Barry in 2013, and then progressed to the bigger outdoor venue of Romilly Park. This year, it hosted 8,000 people over two days.

They are hoping the same formula will work in Penarth, moving from a theatre venue to an outdoor one as the event gets more established.

Ross said: "We have just announced our Penarth Rocks festival line-up. It will take place at the Paget Rooms on May 5, 2018.

"Among the bands lined up for Penarth Rocks are 'Kings of Leon', ska tribute 'Too Toned' and 'The Valli Boys'."

Ross and Matt are already preparing for GlastonBARRY 2018 even though it is 10 months away.

They are continuing to promote other events – their next is 'Kockov – the stand-up mentalist', starring popular local entertainer, Jasper Blakeley, at Bryn Hafren Events Room this Saturday (October 7). *(https://mackeventspresents.com/).*

'Lagoon go-ahead would boost apprenticeships'

GIVING the go-ahead for the Swansea Bay tidal lagoon would create more apprenticeship opportunities in south Wales, Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies said this week.

He praised the contribution made by companies like Sony and Ford in terms of awarding apprenticeships, but says approval of the lagoon project would open up new opportunities.

Mr Irranca-Davies said: "Companies like Sony are setting the standard in terms of apprenticeship development within the workforce.

"Companies such as Ford in Bridgend, who over many years have developed people in electro-mechanical engineering apprenticeships, business management apprenticeships and so much more."

He said much has been done, but there is more to be achieved, and that one of the most significant ways in which the number of apprenticeships can be increased is by investing in heavy infrastructure.

Mr Irranca-Davies said: "While we may have missed the opportunity with the investment of (rail) electrification to Swansea, there is a way to make up some of the ground.

"That is for the UK Government to give the go-ahead on the tidal lagoon in Swansea.

"That will develop civil engineering apprenticeships, project management apprenticeships, business management apprenticeships and many more.

"That, on its own, would have a significant effect on apprenticeships right across the region."

MP's surgery dates

CHRIS Elmore, MP for Ogmore will hold a series of advice surgeries for constituents.

The following dates have been scheduled for this month:

Friday, October 13: Caerau (Community Centre), 4pm – 5pm.

Saturday, October 21: Pencoed (Chris Elmore MP's office, 44a Penybont Road), 10am – 11am.

Friday, October 27: Ogmore Vale (Ogmore Valley Life Centre), 2pm – 3pm (with Huw Irranca-Davies AM).

Friday, October 27: Sarn (Sarn Life Centre), 4pm – 5pm (with Huw Irranca-Davies AM).

Constituents can contact the MP to raise their concerns by calling his office on 01656 860034, or by emailing chris.elmore.mp@parliament.uk if they are unable to attend an advice surgery.

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Jet is trekking in memory of dad for Penarth hospice

"DAD loved being in the hospice. He said it was like being in a five-star hotel without having to pay for it," said Jet Ward-Henry.

She was determined to do something to help raise money for Marie Curie after her father died at the charity's Cardiff and the Vale hospice at Penarth in July – nine days after her graduation.

Though the 23-year-old works at a Barry gym, she admits to not being the most active of people – and thought a trek through Sri Lanka would be exactly the challenge to collect sponsors and donations for the charity in memory of her dad.

Jet will be joined by 26 others, including hospice ambassador and television presenter Mariclare Carey-Jones and four Marie Curie nurses.

Marc Henry had been living with sarcoidosis for 26 years and when his heart and lungs were affected by the condition, during his final 18 months, he attended the hospice for symptom control.

Jetpraised the hospice team, not only for the care her dad received, but also for the care her late grandmother had at the hospice six years ago, and for the support her grandfather has received.

"I had wanted to do something when my grandmother died, but I was still quite young," she said.

"I took some fundraising boxes for the funeral, and when my brother and I took them into the hospice, that's when I saw the poster for the trek.

"I asked if they possibly had any spaces left, so I could join in to raise money.

"It's totally out of my comfort zone, but I wanted to do something that was personal for the hospice and to Marie Curie, rather than my own event for the sake of it."

More than two dozen others have signed up to tackle the route through Sri Lanka, which will include treks through jungles, over mountains and in national parks, as well as the opportunity to see wild elephants, leopards and the purple-faced monkey.

Marie Curie nurses who have signed up to the trek have dubbed themselves the 'Hospice Hikers', while ambassador Mariclare Carey-Jones is thrilled to finally be able to take part in a trek for the charity, after plans to join the Costa Rica trek last year were scuppered following an injury.

The group will head off on their trek on November 16 and are due to return on November 25 – though some will stay on to travel following the challenge.

To find out how to sign up to an overseas trek, visit https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/overseas-challenges.

If you would like to sponsor Jet for her Sri Lanka trek, visit https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teamfatbomarchenry.

LEFT: Jet Ward-Henry with her dad Marc at her graduation.

Fundraising ball for cystic fibrosis charity

HELEN Stabler, a health care support worker at Llandough Hospital, is organising a charity ball for the Better Life Appeal, Cardiff & Vale University Hospital Board's all Wales adult cystic fibrosis appeal. The ball will be at the Best Western Heronston Hotel in Bridgend on Friday, October 13.

Helen said: "The charity ball is toraise funds for West 1 Llandough, and its success will directly benefit the patients in our care.

"I work with a lot of patients who suffer with cystic fibrosis, who are born with this disease and have no choice.

"Their daily lives are not easy, and they're in hospital regularly. I would love to make their stay a little bit more special, so please, please help."

Limited spaces are available, and Helen said: "Come and join us for a night full of entertainment, which includes a three-course meal, a harpist, other entertainment such as music, a magician, a disco and great female singer.

"There will also be a raffle with fantastic prizes and an auction, so come along and help raise funds for those with cystic fibrosis."

The ball begins at 7pm, and tickets are priced at £50.

For more information, contact Helen on 07477 790511 or by email at helen_stabler@yahoo.com.

BEACH DOGS BAN ENDS... BUT IT COMES WITH A WARNING

DOGS are now being allowed back on beaches in the Vale and in Bridgend county borough where a summer ban had been in force.

The ban came to an end on Sunday, October 1, and dogs are allowed to be taken for walks on those beaches until April 30, 2018.

However, owners are being warned that they must clear up after them, and those who don't comply with local byelaws could be fined.

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Couple's close encounter – OF A GRIZZLY KIND!

Ron and Geraldine Powell on the summit of The Whistlers.

BEING confronted by a huge grizzly bear is among everyone's greatest fears – but that's just what happened to a Barry Island couple recently.

Ron and Geraldine Powell experienced that unexpected start to their walking holiday in the Canadian Rockies.

Local author and public speaker, Ron, who served in the RAF for 32 years, told The GEM: "Preparing to set out on our first walk to the Stanley Glacier in Banff National Park, our small group gathered by a wooden bridge which spans the Vermilion River.

"Suddenly, someone shouted, 'Bear!' and there, no more than 15 yards away on the other side of the shallow river, was an enormous grizzly bear.

"My initial feeling was excitement, because although the brochure had mentioned bears, I'd taken it with a pinch of salt, thinking the chances of actually seeing one were pretty remote! How wrong could you be?

"But the commanding voices of our previously mild-mannered guides left us in no doubt of the danger the grizzly posed.

'The Boss' of the Rockies, close up!

"It could have crossed the stream in a couple of strides. The guides raised the bear sprays they always carried and ushered us back to our vans."

But then, to the horror of Ron, Geraldine and members of the party, they spotted two young women on the same side of the bank as the bear, and no more than five yards away from it.

Ron said: "They hadn't seen it. When they did, the inevitable happened. Despite our guides telling them to back away slowly, they screamed and ran for the bridge... In the end, we all survived, although the guides were visibly shaken.

"Bears rarely attack larger groups, but they can react unexpectedly when surprised, and the two young women had a very narrow escape."

Bears are the dominant male in Banff National Park, and are known as 'The Boss'.

"Our guides said the bear was preparing for hibernation and likely to be close to his maximum weight of 325kg, or 51 stone."

Ron and Geraldine spent two weeks walking in the Rockies, flying in and out of Calgary. They spent four nights in Banff, four in Jasper, three in lake Louise and three in Kananaskis.

Ron added: "The Boss wandered up the track we'd planned to use, so we had to make alternative plans for that day's walk.

"It was quite a start to our holiday, and I'm pleased to say there were many more wildlife encounters, although none quite as exciting as that first one."

• *You can see more photos of the wildlife and scenery Ron and Geraldine encountered on the news page of Ron's website: http://www.ronpowell.co.uk.*

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The closed-off viewing area at Cosmeston.

Plaid's concern at closure of Cosmeston Park viewing area

THE Vale Council has refuted a Plaid Cymru claim that lack of investment in Cosmeston Park could result in the closure of viewing areas.

Plaid Cymru councillor Chris Franks told The GEM he was shocked to see a viewing area had been fenced off, due to a lack of maintenance.

He explained: "The Conservatives seem to be starving the park of maintenance funds. What is going on?

"The council also seem to have been hoping that they could reduce facilities without a public debate.

"It is a wonderful facility, where families can visit and there is a great amount of wildlife.

"Plaid wonders what else they intend to close on the quiet. I can't imagine that the council would run down areas in Cowbridge and the rural villages, as is happening at Cosmeston."

Vale Council cabinet member Coun Jonathan Bird said the viewing platform had been "undercut by the lake".

"Unfortunately, this isn't practical to repair and so it will be removed."

Coun Bird added that there is set to be considerable investment in other areas of the park.

"The council has secured a £105,000 grant for new educational facilities at the location and has set aside an additional £21,000 as match funding.

"This represents a very significant increase in funding for Cosmeston this year."

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'Brilliant play, but venue disappoints'

ONCE again, a disappointing and frustrating evening at Barry Memorial Hall – not with the play, which was brilliant – but with the venue.

This was the second time I had seen the play *Do Not Go Gentle* performed by the extremely talented cast from EverymanTheatre. I first saw the play at Chapter Arts Centre, Cardiff and had enjoyed it so much, I wanted to see it again.

We had booked our tickets online and were asked to collect them at the box office. When we arrived, the box office was closed, as was the main bar, and the only place open was the newish bar on the right of the annexe, which serves tea, coffee, alcoholic drinks and snacks. That evening, it was also doubling up as the box office, with just one person behind the counter trying very hard to be at least two people. Consequently, there was a long queue to get our tickets and we waited for at least 20 minutes.

With just five minutes before curtain up, we were informed we could not sit downstairs and had to go up to the circle. We were assured there was a lift for disabled people or those who found stairs difficult, but not having been in the circle for many years, I had forgotten how steep the stairs were to get to the front seats, and there was no hand rail (health and safety issue?)

We carefully got to the front, as sitting at the back of the circle is too far from the stage to see a play, it is far better to be closer to the actors, enabling you to feel more a part of the whole experience.

Why have the Memo not thought of bleacher seating for downstairs, which is raked seating that can be folded back electronically and is widely used in many venues?

At the end of the play, which again had been brilliant, we were looking forward to a coffee or drink to discuss the play with the cast and others in the audience, as I had done in Chapter. But again, the Memo disappointed, as the bar was closed and the lights dimmed so the audience did not feel welcome to stay.

Why is the Memo the only theatre in south Wales to do this? Is the management determined to deter live plays and shows and just accommodate cinema and live bands?

Before the present management, there were many local amateur groups schools, local dance companies and professional companies performing on our local stage, but sadly now there is just one regular local group and hardly any live plays and musicals.

Yes, we need a cinema in Barry, but not to the exclusion of live theatre.

GEM reader
DERYN GRIGG,
Barry.

The GEM invited the Memo to respond and a spokeswoman had this to say:

"As an independent registered charity, the Memo is reliant on our funders and users support; we completely appreciate the value of the comments and feedback we receive on a regular basis. We want all our patrons to know that we care about their welfare and enjoyment whilst visiting the venue, and take issues such as health and safety and disability access, very seriously.

The Memo provides the reassurance that where we let someone down, we try to resolve it, improve what we can and make it better the next time they visit. The most effective way to provide us with the opportunity to resolve any issues is to talk to us first whilst you're in the venue; then we can see how we can help resolve any issues you may have at the relevant time, and if you are not satisfied with our resolution, we provide you with a copy of the Memo's complaints procedure, which is also published on our web-site. If staff are unaware of any issues they cannot help.

In response to the concerns raised by Mrs Grigg, the Memo would welcome the opportunity for her to get in touch with us directly to discuss the views expressed, including with Trustees, in accordance with the complaints procedure.

We naturally are disappointed that her experience of the evening may have created negativity towards our hard work and we would wish to apologise if, after investigation, it is determined that her complaints are well founded.

Memo Arts Centre

Fundraising charity craft and gift fair attracts 20 plus stall holders

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CITY HOSPICE, formerly George Thomas Hospice Care, are providing home-based palliative care for over 1,000 life-limited patients and families at a cost of £1.4 million annually.

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City Hospice is currently receiving over 700 new referrals every year, and this number is growing year by year.

The autumn Craft and Gift Fair in aid of City Hospice at Wenvoe Community Centre on October 14 will be attended by previous professional handcrafters loyal to the charity – along with many new stall holders, bringing a fresh look to the fair.

There will be a new and exciting range of crafters, local author, hand-sewn gifts, bee products, wood turner, hand-knitted gifts, needle felting, sock monkeys, and worked glass – over 20 stands in all...

City Hospice is looking forward to this new venue, and hoping to attract a wide audience of eager buyers who will enjoy the atmosphere, tempting wares, and delicious refreshments, while raising vital funds.

FLORAL SOCIETY DEMO

'WHAT a Wonderful World' is the title of a floral demonstration to be given to members of the Barry Floral Society by Mrs Elizabeth Graham of Lower Machen, on Tuesday, October 10 at the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry.

The talk commences at 2.15pm and new members are welcome.

Will completes his half-marathon test

Tired but happy: Will James after his half marathon challenge, with daughter Bethan.

GEM readers may remember that we recently included an article about local man Will James, who was having his first attempt at the Cardiff Half Marathon.

A delighted Will has now been in touch to report that he finished the race in fine fettle, recording a time of two hours, 35 minutes.

Will said: "It was an amazing experience, and it was made special by the volunteers who helped run the event, the people who lined the streets cheering, and by the Noah's Ark Appeal team's support on race day.

"I would like to say a big thank you to my family for supporting me over the last few months, and to the readers of The GEM for their kind donations – and to anyone else who donated. We have just passed the £400 mark."

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Brexit talk

ANDREW RT Davies AM, Leader of the Conservatives in the Welsh Assembly, will be guest speaker at the next Glamorgan NFU Cymru county meeting on Thursday, October 12, in St Mary's Golf Club, Bridgend, at 7pm.

He will give his views on what Glamorgan and Welsh agriculture will look like post-Brexit, followed by a question and answer session.

Glamorgan NFU Cymru county chair, Abi Reader said: "This meeting is open to all NFU Cymru members, but it is also an opportunity for non-members to come along and see the work that NFU Cymru is currently involved with."

The new £1m big wheel at Barry Island comes with viewing platforms and a lighting system. IMAGE by GLYN EVANS.

Barry Island's big wheel is 'amazing'

A £1m big wheel, complete with viewing platforms and state-of-the art lighting, has been constructed at Barry Island Pleasure Park.

The park owner, Henry Danter, said: "It took around five days to construct. It is over 100 feet high, and the views across Barry are breath-taking, magnificent.

"When you get on it, you can see so much of Barry and the surrounding area.

"It was made by Technical Parks in Italy – the lights on it cost £100,000. It is amazing."

Mr Danter's son Harry helped in the design and lighting specification of the new wheel.

TUDOR ART LECTURE

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Association of the National Trust will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday, October 18 in the Baronial Hall at the Duke of Wellington in Cowbridge.

Henry Thomas will give an illustrated lecture on Tudor and Elizabethan art. He has beeen invited back from Brighton after giving an excellent talk last year on war artists.

New members are welcome. Please contact any of the committee at this meeting, or e-mail vofgant@gmail.com.

Music in the Vale annual competition

THE Music in the Vale annual competition will take place at Stanwell School, Penarth, on November 18 and 19, and is open to young vocalists and instrumentalists from the age of 8-23 years.

Apply via the website at: www.musicinthevale.org.uk.

The competition will be adjudicated by Helen Knight and Owen Webb (vocalists), and James Walker and David Shilaw (instrumentalists) all professional musicians.

Apart from cash prizes for the winners and runners-up, the competition also provides performance opportunities throughout the year, namely Cowbridge Music Festival – of which the competition is an official partner – and the Senedd, with the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, as its sponsor.

In January each year, it holds its own gala concert, which will be on Sunday, January 21 at 2pm in Stanwell School's theatre.

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'Counterpoint' talks will feature leading speakers, all experts in their fields, at Porthcawl.

Director, Margaret Minhinnick, said: "These events cover the charity's concerns, which are environmental and cultural. They lead up to our AGM on November 16."

The three talks take place at the Green Room, 5 James Street, Porthcawl (CF36 3BG): Friday, October 13, 8pm: Professor Allan Williams on 'Marine Litter'. This problem intensifies as plastics break down, even entering the human bloodstream. A timely talk from one of the world's leading 'beachologists'.

October 27, 8pm: Professor Merryn Hutchings of London Metropolitan University, asks 'Are schools now exam factories? What are we doing to children's education?' She appears on BBC and Channel 4 speaking of her increasing concern about the stress we are creating for our young.

November 3, 8pm: Kevin Sinnott discusses his art and the extraordinary gallery he has created in Pontycymer. There will be opportunities to purchase new prints.

The talks are part of the charity's celebrations for its 20th anniversary. They culminate at the Stage Door, Grand Pavilion, Thursday November 16, from 6.30pm – 10pm.

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Congratulations on your 100th birthday, Betti!

***Betti Jones:** "I wouldn't change a thing!"*

OGMORE MP Chris Elmore has added his congratulations to Betti Jones on her 100th birthday this week.

Born into a family with five brothers in Lluest in 1917, Bettie was married to Aaron Jones for over 60 years.

A mother of three, she worked at the Arsenal during World War II and has often recounted how dangerous the work was at that time. She later went on to work at Parc Hospital and then Trem y Mor Nursing Home in Bettws, before returning to work at Parc before retiring.

Her husband, Aaron, served in the Royal Navy during World War II, before working in the Ffaldau Pit.

The MP, said: "Turning 100 is quite a feat, which many of us may not go on to achieve. Betti has had a remarkable life, which has clearly been devoted to serving her country and her local community.

"I'd like to congratulate Betti on reaching this milestone – I hope she has a relaxing day of celebrations."

Betti, who will be spending her birthday with family and friends on October 5, is often heard saying: "*I wouldn't change anything about my life, it's been such a good one*."

Comedy at the Grand Pavilion

SUPPORTING The Sandville once again this year, the Phoenix Theatre will be performing Frank Vickery's *Grannie Annie*.

Performances at 7.30pm on October 12, 13 and 14.

Tickets (from £13), available from the Phoenix ticket line on 01656 783647 or the Grand Pavilion box office on 01656 815995 or from www.grandpavilion.co.uk

Jaguar Land Rover end Ford contract early

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The spokesperson continued: "The auto industry is undergoing rapid change, and we continue to look at other high technology opportunities for Bridgend in the future."

However, in a joint statement, Huw Irranca-Davies (AM for Ogmore) and Chris Elmore (MP for Ogmore) called on the UK Government to "urgently intervene", before accusing it of "...stealing jobs from Bridgend"; and having "...complete contempt for the hard-working Welsh workforce and their families, and a contempt for Wales."

The joint statement continued:

"This adds new urgency to the ongoing work with unions and management, supported by Welsh Government, to identify new workstreams and future investment for Bridgend."

A spokesperson for Alun Cairns, Vale of Glamorgan MP and Secretary of State for Wales, said: "Mr Cairns and Welsh Office colleagues are meeting Ford Motor Company on Monday afternoon. He is, of course, concerned by Jaguar Land Rover's decision to issue notice and thereby end the contract three months earlier than anticipated.

"It would, though, be wrong to say more before the meeting, but we will give further information and a fuller reply after it."

In a report earlier this year, Ford indicated that more than 1,000 jobs could go at Bridgend with contracts expiring.

The report suggested the number of roles could fall to 600 by 2021 as production drops to 125,000 engines a year.

The car maker also warned that Bridgend would have to improve its competitiveness by addressing "concerns relating to the plant's efficiency".

A spokesperson for JLR said: "Ford has been, and remains, an important strategic supplier to Jaguar Land Rover, under an agreement which was negotiated to support our business until the end of the decade."

Group's Malvern trip

ON September 24, Llantwit Major Horticultural Society took more than 60 people to the Malvern Autumn Show.

It was an excellent show, with lots to enjoy, and it didn't rain!

As well as the giant vegetables and flower hall, there was plenty to see including classic cars, crafts and livestock.

The nurseries were selling at very attractive prices, so both buses were full of plants on the return journey – and there was also a chicken!

The next trip is to Lytes Cary Manor and Tintinhull Gardens, two National Trust properties in Somerset on Sunday, October 15.

There is free entry to the properties for National Trust members and more details are available at www.llantwit-major-horticultural-society.com.

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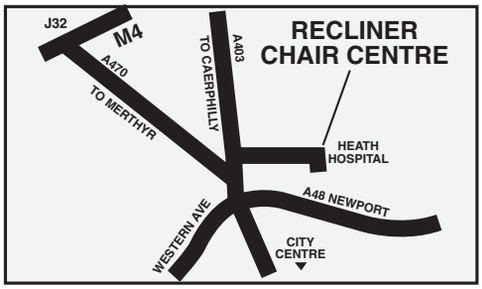

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Fond memories of Mike Lewis at Barry Camera Club meeting

BARRY Camera Club started the new season with an informal members' evening, which gave them the opportunity to catch up with old friends and welcome new ones.

On September 8, they were visited by Alyn Wallace, a landscape astrophotographer, who specialises in photographing the landscape of Wales under the night sky. They were shown images taken at Southerndown, Nash Point, Brecon, Anglesey, the Elan Valley and the Gower. He has also photographed sites in England and Iceland, including the Aurora Borealis.

On September 15, the club welcomed Les Loosemore, who gave a talk entitled 'A tribute evening with Les Loosemore'.

Les was a close friend of chairperson, Mike Lewis, who recently passed away. The evening was spent viewing some beautiful work, which included landscape and nature images, while remembering Mike.

Mike was born and brought up in Barry, but lived in Rhoose in latter years. As a committee member of Barry Camera Club for more than 30 years, he held, at various times, every committee post – including treasurer, competition secretary, and chairperson.

For more than 20 years, he organised the club's annual competition and the Barrian Cup, which attracts entries from south Wales and the south-west of England.

He was also a member of Gwynfa Camera Club and Cymru Monochrome. For many years, Mike was also active in the Welsh Photographic Federation and, following his term as president, his years of service were rewarded with the Honorary Fellowship of that organisation.

Mike enjoyed travelling, including trips with Barry Camera Club to Prague and Venice, among many closer to home. He was always one of the first to sign up for an outing.

The many photographs he took on his travels were successful in monthly club competitions and in national and international exhibitions. He attained the distinction of Licentiate of the Royal Photographic Society (LRPS), for whom he became the regional organiser of the south Wales branch two years ago.

Happy memory: Les Loosemore with the late Mike Lewis.

Despite regularly saying: "I'm not buying any more books", when Mike visited exhibitions and talks by other photographers, he frequently came away with a book or two to add to his considerable collection!

Mike seemed to thrive on being involved with everything. Many often thought he had too much on his plate, yet he always managed to come up with the goods. He was supportive, giving encouragement to members new and old, and always had a smile on his face. He was energetic, organised and was a calm head to rely on.

He was never happier than when out taking photographs, or attending something photographic. He died on June 17, at the untimely age of 62, while out walking and taking photographs in the Elan Valley.

The recent successes of Barry Camera Club owe a huge debt to Mike's efforts in promoting the club and encouraging members. Through photography, Mike made many friends and he will be very sadly missed by all. He remains in the hearts and minds of all its members. This is his legacy.

Mike's daughter, Jay, recently ran in the Great North Run in memory of her dad and grandad, with donations going to the British Heart Foundation. She has far exceeded the £400 target she set for herself.

Les kindly donated his fee for the night to that cause and also gifted Barry Camera Club a beautifully mounted and framed photograph to be raffled to raise further funds

CLUB NEWS

On September 22, the club met to choose images from a large selection of prints to compete with other clubs from around Wales. (Thanks to Roy Carr and John Dudley for organising this).

The month concluded with a monthly competition night. This month, the judge was Ed Cloutman, who gave a detailed and thorough critique of every shot.

The winners were as follows:

Monochrome Print: Third, Glenn Porter for 'Let's Talk'; second, Rob Owens for 'Viewing the Exhibition'; first , Barbara Archdale-Smith for 'Seating Arrangement'.

Colour Print: Third, Barbara Archdale-Smith for 'Crime'; second, Brian Trego for 'Holding On'; first, Glenn Porter for 'Windsurfing at Lake Garda'.

Digital Projected Image: Third, Brian Trego for 'Incoming Tide'; second, Barbara Archdale-Smith for 'Pigeon in Flight'; first, Tina Haydon for 'Mitch'.

Congratulations go to all prizewinners, but in particular, to Barbara, Brian and Glenn for multiple successes.

Thanks go to Ed Cloutman for a superb evening.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX.

For more information, see www.barrycameraclub.co.uk or check out our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Prime move for new team vicar Rhian at Llantwit Major...

THERE is a new team vicar for the benefice of Llantwit Major – as Rev Rhian Prime returned to her Vale of Glamorgan roots recently.

Rhian, who grew up in Dinas Powys, takes up in St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, by the Bishop of Llandaff, June Osborne. She takes over from Rev Rachel Simpson, who left last year.

Rhian moves to Llandaff from Monmouth Diocese, where she served as an assistant curate in the parish of Trellech and Penallt and for the last two years on the team at St Michael's Tintern Parva.

Four years ago, Rhian, who is married to David, also a priest, and has two grown-up children, was ordained into the Church in Wales after spending 25 years serving as a Methodist minister.

"I had always worked ecumenically and over the years, I felt a gradual move towards Anglicanism – although I will always cherish Methodism.

"I like order, and liturgy is very important to me," said Rhian. I never expected to return to this part of the world, but it feels very special to be back 'home' after all these years.

Rev Rhian Prime at St Tathan's Church.

"It's very exciting and we have received such a wonderfully warm welcome from everyone that we have met."

As well as having special responsibility for St Tathan's Church in St Athan and St Giles' Church in Gileston, Rhian's remit will be to develop pilgrimage and spirituality throughout the nine-church benefice.

Bishop Osborne commented: "It is a great privilege to license Rhian as a new minister in the Llantwit Major team and to welcome her and David to the diocesan family.

"Rhian is from the Vale, so she knows her new world well."

Rhian's previous roles have included working as a hospital chaplain and as a teaching assistant.

Councillors' surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, October 7 from 9.30am – 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

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Out & About with The GEM

Tale of Winnie The Pooh creator is gorgeously heartwarming, but quaint

THE Winnie The Pooh books have become a staple part of English literature, spawning cartoons, films and no end of merchandise, but ,the creation of the character, and its background, from author A A Milne is a story that is now being told in *Goodbye Christopher Robin*.

Domnhall Gleeson plays Milne, who leaves London to move to the countryside along with his party-loving wife Daphne (Margot Robbie) and while there starts to spin fanciful yarns about stuffed animals belonging to his son, Christopher (Will Tilston).

These stories become hugely successful, and Milne and his family soon become swept up in the instant success of the books, but behind the success lies unhappiness...

The tumultuous lives of writers, and how it is reflected in, and influences, their work has become a cinematic trope in recent years, with many films looking at the lives of those who have created some of our most well-known and beloved books.

Arguably, A A Milne's creation of *Winnie The Pooh* is the most beloved of all children's books, with characters and stories so warmly and tenderly told that you would imagine Milne's life would be as idyllic as the lives of those in Hundred Acre Wood.

It most certainly was not, as *Goodbye Christopher Robin* tells us, however, while it tries to tackle many aspects of Milne's life, and does so in a heartwarming manner; it's a little too twee and stilted to really shine.

It certainly crams a lot in – Milne's (then undiagnosed) PTSD after his service in the Great War and his subsequent anger at the machinations of war and those who instigate it; his prickly relationship with his wife, who begrudgingly moves to the country as Milne seeks solace aware from the city; and his relationship with his son, Christopher, the source of Milne's inspiration in creating the characters of *Winnie The Pooh*, and who struggles at his early age to cope with the stardom afforded him in the aftermath.

So much, that while it certainly tries to cover all its bases, with some strands working better than others, it soon travels down the path of ticking familiar biopic boxes and (perhaps too glaringly) shoehorning in nods and winks to what would eventually become Milne's greatest work.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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Director Simon Curtis' background in TV directing means that the film has the glow of a Sunday teatime drama, but Curtis sometimes skewers that with some neat flourishes (cutting from a dark war trench to an opulent ballroom, animating the live-action Christopher Robin into the style of the drawings) that are nicely executed.

The script comes from Simon Vaughn (who made a film about the real bear that inspired Winnie's name – starring, incredibly, a young Michael Fassbender) and Frank Cottrell Boyce. You feel that it's a script of two halves; Vaughn bringing the detail and context, Boyce sketching the relationships and the heart of the film with some wonderful dialogue to savour.

While neither disgraces itself, there does feel like something of a disconnect at times between the two elements, sometimes falling between the two sides.

Performance-wise, it's solid; Domnhall Gleeson is always dependable and he brings some light and shade to Milne, a man so caught up in the horrors of his past that he struggles to appreciate what's around him, the inspiration for a work to lift the spirits of Britain and the world right in front of his eyes.

Margot Robbie isn't bad as the flinty Daphne (a woman unaware of the details of childbirth and who steadfastly denies anyone the right to "blub in this house") but is lost in the mix as the story pivots on Milne. Kelly McDonald is a comforting presence as the nanny who looks after Christopher Robin, and whose relationship with the youngster engages, while young Will Tilston has charm and cuteness in spades as Christopher.

It's an interesting story and one reasonably well told, given the multitude of strands it attempts to tick off, but it suffers a little from trying to mesh fact with emotion, caught between two films and numerous plots.

It makes *Goodbye Christopher Robin* a gorgeously heartwarming story, but one that perhaps plays the sentimentality card a little too broadly.

VERDICT: The story of one of the most beloved children's characters is well told, *Goodbye Christopher Robin* digging to unearth the sadness behind the joy of Hundred Acre Wood, but it feels a tad too quaint, even with some solid turns from its cast. It'll warm the heart, but won't linger. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Finding Neverland* (2004), *Miss Potter* (2006).

Charity's race day at Llandow

THE Welsh bereavement charity 2 Wish Upon A Star will hold its first family race day, on Sunday, October 15.

It will feature an Elephant Dash for children under seven, a family fun run, and a 5k fun run for teenagers and adults – with prizes!

Fancy dress is optional, though this year there is a jungle animal theme.

All proceeds will go towards supporting the charity's work, helping families through the worst time of their lives.

Founder of the charity, Rhian Burke said it was going to be a day for all the family: "At 2 Wish Upon A Star, we have a natural ethos of support, friendship, and togetherness.

"Though our work supporting suddenly bereaved families is always tough, it's important to hold events such as this to bring families and loved ones together.

"I'd encourage anyone who wants to learn more or support our charity to come along, don their daps and run with us."

The event starts at 9.45am on Llandow Race Circuit in the Vale.

For more information or to book your ticket, you can call 01443 853 125 or head to www.2wishracedaytickets.eventbrite.co.uk **SC**

Stamp and Postcard Fair

ON Saturday, October 14, the Barry Philatelic and Postcard Society is holding its autumn fair at the Highlight Centre, behind Tesco on Port Road, Barry from 10am to 4pm.

Admission will be 50p and refreshments are available. The club holds meetings twice a month on Monday evenings at the centre, starting at 7.30pm.

Membership is open to everyone and a warm welcome is assured. Meetings are interesting and varied, with visiting clubs from the South Wales Federation and national stamp dealers in attendance.

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WHAT'S ON – NEWS IN BRIEF

Valeways guided walks

ON October 5 at 10.30am the Secondary Breast Cancer Strollers meet at the visitor centre in Cosmeston Country Park.

On Monday, October 9 for a Woodland Walk and Lake stroll meet at the forestry car park in Hensol Forest, near Welsh St Donats at 11am.

On Wednesday, October 11 at 10.30am the Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the visitor centre in Cosmeston Country Park.

The same day, meet at 2.30pm for a Coffee Shop Stroll around Llantwit Major. Meet at the town hall car park.

Enfys Craft Fair

THE next Enfys Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, October 7 at St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry.

The fair has free entry and is open between 10am and 4pm. If you are looking for that special present for friends and family come along to the fair, where there will be 17 crafters displaying their beautiful products, not to be found in high street shops. Only two fairs to go after our October fair before Christmas!

The October raffle will raise money for the local branch of Guide Dogs for the Blind, and Ann's kitchen has been adding new mouth-watering dishes to her menu each month. Come along and taste her delicious and reasonably priced food.

As usual a warm welcome is assured, so why not pop in and see us, support our charity and spoil yourself with a little something from one of our stalls?

For more information call Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

Have you been considering Equity Release?

IF you own your own home and are interested in Equity Release, Age Connects are holding an information session on Tuesday, October 10 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12pm.

No appointment is needed, just go along and chat to an adviser. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Ovarian cancer advice

A HEALTH care professional from a local ovarian cancer group in Cardiff and the Vale will be available for advice on Tuesday, October 10 from 10am to 12pm.

This will take place at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road Barry and no appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 or just call in.

Toy and Train Fair

CARDIFF Toy and Train Sale takes place this Saturday (October 7), from 10.30am to 3pm at Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan, Cardiff, CF64 2NS.

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Warning, after four people die on Welsh farms in 12 months

AN agricultural risk expert is urging farmers to be vigilant – after new figures show four people were killed on farms in Wales in just 12 months.

Figures from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have revealed that in 2016/17, agriculture had the highest rate of fatal injury, around 18 times higher than the All Industry rate.

In total, 30 people have been killed on British farms in the past year – making agriculture the riskiest industry to work in.

The main causes of death were 'struck by vehicles' (30 per cent), 'trapped by something collapsing' (20 per cent), 'struck by an object' (17 per cent), 'contact with electricity' (10 per cent), 'falling from a height' (7 per cent), and 'injured by an animal' (7 per cent).

Richard Wade, of Lycetts Risk Management Services, said: "It is worrying that agriculture remains one of the most dangerous industries, with the high fatality rate far-exceeding other industries.

"HSE's research shows that vehicle-related activities consistently lead to more deaths than any other category, and that half of the workers killed by something collapsing, were taking part in activities involving vehicles and machinery.

'PREVENTABLE'

"So, while some of these deaths have been the result of freak accidents, many could have been prevented. Although this is a sad fact, this gives us hope that, with better practice on farms and safer use of machinery, incidents like this could become rarer.

"It is also promising to see that, although the fatal injury rate for agriculture has shown no clear trend over the past 35 years, there are signs of improvement over the past five years.

"Hopefully, this is down to farmers being more vigilant about safety and risk assessments – but we still have a way to go."

Agriculture has a 7.61 fatal injury rate per 100,000 workers – six times that of the construction sector.

While 27 of the past year's deaths involved workers, three were members of the public. The age of the victims varies hugely, with the youngest being three and the oldest, 80. The youngest worker to be killed was 18.

In Wales, there have been four deaths in the past year.

Nearly half of the workers killed in agriculture were over 65 (13 out of 27 deaths) and more than 85 per cent of workers killed were over the age of 45.

Richard added: "What strikes me is the high death rate of older workers. Health and safety is a fundamental requirement of any farming operation, no matter how small or well-established it is, and minimising risk should be top priority.

"It is also alarming that self-employed farmers make up a large proportion of deaths; 67 per cent – 20 out of 30 – of those who died on farms were self-employed, while 23 per cent were employees and 10 per cent were members of the public.

"There is a danger that farmers who work for themselves harbour a perception that they do not need to carry out the necessary risk assessments or abide by the health and safety regulations, as they don't have any employees. But, as this research shows, this can have devastating consequences.

"It is imperative that farmers take health and safety seriously and do their utmost to protect themselves, their employees and the public, as well as procuring comprehensive insurance cover in case a tragic incident like this does occur."

• *For information on keeping your farm safe, visit* ***hse.gov.uk/agriculture***

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Two Vale leaders welcome top spot in performance table

THE Vale Council was recently ranked the highest performing local authority in Wales for the third year running, ***writes a GEM REPORTER.***

The verdict, which was contained in the 2016-17 local government performance bulletin, compiled by Data Unit Wales, was welcomed by the current Leader of the Vale Council, Coun John Thomas, and also Coun Neil Moore, the former Vale Leader.

Following May's local elections, Coun Thomas has led a Conservative administration with the support of an independent councillor.

Prior to that, the council was led by Coun Moore, who headed up a Labour-Llantwit First Independents administration.

Data Unit Wales is an independent organisation and the performance bulletin assesses Welsh councils' performance in 25 high priority areas such as education, housing, transport and highways, planning and leisure services.

The Unit ranks all councils in Wales into one of four groups, based on their performance for each of the 25 areas under the spotlight.

The Vale Council was ranked in the top group of councils for more than half of these, 52 per cent, and performed better than the national average in 68 per cent of all measures.

The council was still able to improve in nearly half (44 per cent) of the areas scrutinised.

It recorded perfect performance in three key areas of its work.

Of these, the authority recorded the best performance in Wales for two areas: no 'looked-after children' left compulsory education, training or work-based learning without an approved external qualification; and 100 per cent of 'special education needs statements' were issued within 26 weeks.

Rob Thomas, the council's managing director, described being ranked the best performing local authority in Wales for the third year running was "an unprecedented achievement".

The current Leader of the Vale Council, Coun John Thomas, said: "In recent months, I have made clear my determination that this council will lead from the front in tackling the big issues that face local government in Wales, and ensuring the people of the Vale benefit from our efforts.

"Having topped the table now for three years, I am absolutely certain we will achieve this."

Former Leader, Neil Moore, who now leads the Labour group on the Vale Council, said it demonstrated the hard work put in by Labour members and their colleagues from Llantwit First.

He said: "I am absolutely delighted that yet again, and for the third year running, the Vale Council has been identified as the Best Performing Council in Wales.

"The evaluation covered the last financial year, when Labour were in control of the council", he pointed out.

"It was my privilege to have been the Leader of the Council for five years, and I am even more pleased that this result shows how committed I and my Labour and Llantwit First colleagues were in ensuring the council provided the best services it could, despite the cuts in funding from the Tory Government in Westminster."

He continued: "It is also very pleasing to note that for the five years Labour were in control, we were the best council in Wales for the last three years.

"When we took over control of the council we had a great deal of work to do to get to that position. We had to review and restructure the council and made considerable changes during that time.

"It was no easy task, particularly as we had many changes in the council's management structure, while at the same time having to make considerable savings. We ensured the vital services were retained but had to change the way we all worked.

"Clearly Labour's work and administration was successful."

Coun Moore added: "However, I want to put on record my sincere thanks to all the staff at the Vale Council, at all levels, because without their dedication and commitment, we could not have achieved this remarkable and unique achievement.

"I look forward to carrying out my new role as leader of the main opposition on the council and making sure the current administration is fully scrutinised, and continues to provide the services the people of the Vale deserve."

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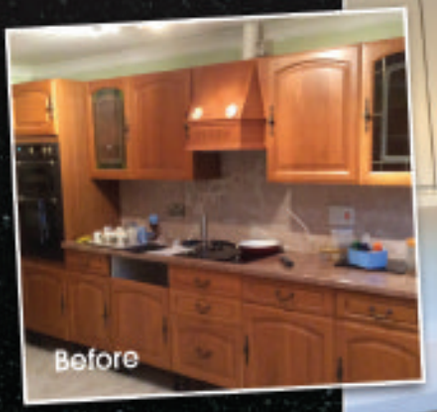

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Caroline Jones AM (centre), flanked by Mike and Jules Peters.

AM urges public to 'Wear it Pink' for cancer day

Regional AM for South Wales West, Caroline Jones, had a personal reason to link up with Mike Peters of rock band The Alarm, and his wife Jules, to raise awareness of 'Wear It Pink' day, being organised by Breast Cancer Now on Friday, October 20.

The Welsh musician is a three-time cancer survivor and his wife Jules is currently fighting the disease.

The AM, who is also a breast cancer survivor, donned pink sunglasses and a feather boa for a series of photos which will be used to promote the day.

Ms Jones commented: "It is an honour to be asked to take part in this campaign.

"I implore everyone to wear a piece of pink clothing – no matter what it is – on October 20, and to support Breast Cancer Now."

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MG concept store opens

ABOVE: The official opening of the new Nathaniel MG store in Cardiff. From left: Nathan Griffiths, William Wang (managing director of MG Motor UK); Carwyn Jones, First Minister and AM for Bridgend, and Wayne Griffiths, managing director of Nathaniel Cars.

MG's second UK concept store has been opened in the Welsh capital.

Based in St David's Dewi Sant, which attracts more than 38 million visitors a year, MG's first such store outside of London will offer "a dynamic, immersive and modern retail experience for customers."

The 1,610 sq ft retail boutique has been designed to reinvent the car buying journey. The Nathaniel MG store features a video screen wall, interactive iPad stations and will also include a dedicated lifestyle space.

A collection of vehicles will be on display, representing models in the MG3 and MG GS ranges, with the much-anticipated MG XS in store by early November.

Product champions will welcome visitors to the store and be on hand to talk people through every feature of the cars. Test drives can be booked in store, while the team will also help customers to arrange part exchanges and offer information on the financing options that MG Motor UK can provide.

Matthew Cheyne, head of sales and marketing, MG Motor UK Ltd commented: "It has been an exciting year for MG Motor UK, and we are delighted to partner with Nathaniel Cars in Cardiff to launch our second concept store.

"They have designed an environment that puts the brand at the forefront of car retailing, and it is exciting to see our range of sporty, dynamic cars sitting alongside retail giants like Apple and Pandora."

Nathan Griffiths, sales manager at Nathaniel Cars, added: "The flexibility within the shopping centre has allowed us to create a cutting-edge dealership that is at the forefront of engaging retail experiences.

"Using state-of-the-art technology, visitors will be able to visualise the staggering number of customisation options that MG offers."

The Nathaniel MG store is located on Cathedral Walk in St David's Dewi Sant, Cardiff (CF10 2DS). To visit the dealership, or to find out more about the full MG range, visit www.nathanielcars.co.uk

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With this roof option, the interior of the conservatory can include a plastered ceiling with down-lighters or even roof windows for ventilation and sky views.

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With the LivinRoof, entire panels can be glazed to create a hybrid solid and glass roof allowing you to choose where to have shaded areas and where to have more light.

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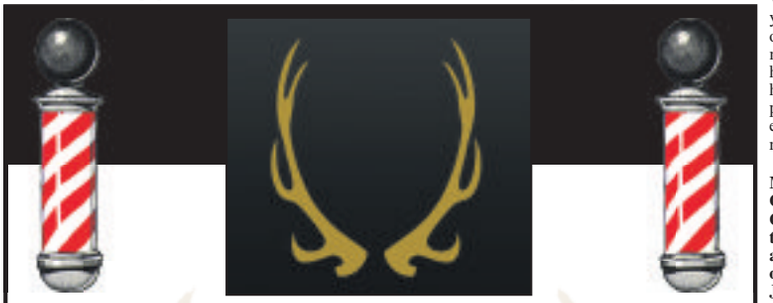

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The Cowbridge Kumon Study Centre is located at The Old Hall Community College, Cowbridge, with classes running on Mondays and Thursdays from 4pm to 6pm.

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Co-habitation: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

THESE days, more and more couples are choosing to live together and bring up their children without marrying.

Sadly, some of those relationships will fail. This is a feature of our modern society that is here to stay. Unfortunately, current cohabitation law is failing to provide people with the rights some mistakenly think they have.

In 1996, there were 1.5 million cohabiting couple families in the UK. Two decades later, in 2016, there were more than 3.3 million.

Cohabiting couple families account for 17 per cent of all families in the UK – 3.2 million of these couples were opposite sex couples and 87,000 were same sex.

At present, there is no distinct law regulating cohabitation rights and shared assets (property for example). We would recommend that when you buy your home together, you register it in both names and also consider a cohabitation agreement.

It is a myth that cohabitating partners have similar legal rights to those of a married couple. You need to consider that the law doesn't automatically allow bereaved common law partners to inherit from each other.

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Some of the volunteers who will be helping out at the Vale Foodbank.

Exciting times for the Welsh Bacc at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg

Community Work for the Welsh Baccalaureate has begun at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg – year-11 students will carry out a voluntary work as part of the challenge.

The work started on September 12 and will be completed in October.

Some pupils will work with year-8 and teach them about Fair Trade and Entrepreneurship, while others will coach year-6 in different sports.

Groups of year-11 will also improve the external environment of the school and assist with arts and crafts in the primary department.

This is an opportunity to enrich health and wellbeing and the expressive arts curriculum in the primary sector and encourage pupils to think creatively and innovatively

As well as these exciting opportunities, one group of year-11 have started working with the Vale Food Bank. Pupils intend to collect food items on behalf of the Vale Food Bank, for members of the community that are in crisis.

Anne-Marie of the Vale Food Bank said she was very grateful that the pupils thought about them. Year-11's enthusiasm is infectious and a great start for the school year.

Contributions to the Vale Food Bank would be welcomed at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cowbridge U3A meeting

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled *'Mountain Rescue – what happens when they are called?'* by Ian Smith, at 2pm on Wednesday, October 11 at Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors are welcome; there is a small fee, which includes refreshments. *See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge for further information.*

Charity night at The Penny Farthing

VALE residents are invited to a cheese and wine evening being held in Cowbridge on behalf of Marie Curie.

The event takes place at The Penny Farthing on Friday, October 13 and starts at 7pm; tickets are £12.50 each, available from Penny Farthing.

Profits raised will help Marie Curie charity provide care and support to local people living with a terminal illness, and their families, at the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth and their 'Hospice at Home' services in the Vale.

British Legion offer advice

ADVICE for members of the armed forces, veterans, and their families, will be available at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, October 17.

The Royal British Legion can offer support, both practical and financial, to veterans and their families. Just come along between 10am and 12pm; no appointment is needed. *Contact 01446 732385 for further information.*

Legal advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a free legal advice session at the Senior Health Shop on Tuesday, October 17 from 10am to 12pm.

If you are over 50, living in the Vale of Glamorgan, and worried about a legal matter (other than criminal law) just go along. *No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.*

CAB AGM

THE AGM of the local Citizens Advice Bureau branch will be held at their offices at 26 Dunraven Place, Bridgend, on Monday, November 20 at 4pm; *all welcome.*

Young people sought for 'NHS at 70' project

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Thanks to a National Lottery grant, the 70-year heritage of the National Health Service is to be preserved for future generations.

'NHS at 70' are capturing stories and artefacts of those who worked for and were cared for by the NHS – by creating a digital archive of NHS history.

The University of Manchester will create the first shared social history of the National Health Service, marking the institution's 70th anniversary, thanks to £785k National Lottery funding.

Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) is the Welsh partner of the project. Young people aged 14-25 are needed to act as volunteer community reporters, filming stories about the NHS from members of the public.

More information is available by visiting Valleys to Coast Resource Centre in Nolton Street Bridgend on Friday, September 29 at 1pm.

By volunteering even an hour of your time, you will have the opportunity to receive professional oral history training and hear first hand remarkable stories from local communities.

Heidi Bennett, BAVO's chief executive officer said: "The NHS has strong roots in Wales, and we are hoping lots of local people will come forward to offer their stories of working in, or being a patient of the NHS during the past 70 years.

"Even if they have only half an hour to give, we would really value their time in developing this national archive."

*To book your place for the information session on September 29, visit Bridgend Volunteer Centre at 2 Queen Street in Bridgend Town Centre, call **01656 660372**, or email: **bavo@bavo.org.uk.***

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ST CLARE'S SCHOOL CELEBRATES STUDENTS' SUCCESS AT ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF AWARDS DAY

Magician Rhys Jones enthralled the audience at The Pavilion

PORTHCAWL'S Grand Pavilion provided the perfect stage to celebrate the achievements of the past year and ambitions for the coming year, for St Clare's School, at its annual prize day ceremony.

Boys and girls from the prep school up to sixth form received prizes for academic excellence and sporting achievements.

This year, St Clare's welcomed the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Lorrie Desmond-Williams, Mary Emment-Lewis, outgoing chair of Porthcawl's Town Twinning Association, and Barbara and Bill Stubbs, from Porthcawl Rotary.

Guest of honour was Rhys Jones, a former pupil, who since 2012 has been part of Morgan and West – a stage magic duo, who travel the world and have appeared on television with Penn and Teller.

Rhys was a student at St John's who moved on to St Clare's Sixth Form to study A-Levels and was head boy at both establishments.

After a gap year, he went to John's College, Oxford to read physics, where he met friend and business partner Rob Tay. In 2008, they staged their first show as magicians and within a year, Morgan and West took their first show to the Edinburgh Fringe Bamboozlement.

Addressing a full house at The Grand Pavilion, Rhys kept the audience on the edge of their seats with his inspirational talk, interspersed with some jaw-dropping mind-reading and a hilarious video '*What advice do you wish you'd had when you were at school*' featuring clips from his magic colleagues, including Penn and Teller, Dynamo and Derren Brown.

There was a serious side to his speech, which highlighted the importance of discussing mental health issues, and Rhys reminded students to 'Be kind to yourself, be kind to others and never be afraid to ask for help.'

Simon Antwis, headmaster, said: "We are immensely proud of our students' achievements and it is a pleasure to celebrate with them today after all their hard work.

"We are delighted to hear that so many of our students have secured places at their first-choice universities, to read competitive subjects, such as medical science, psychology and MFL.

"We wish them every success in their continued studies and future careers."

Bridgend choir's annual concert is already a sell-out!

TABERNACLE Welsh Congregational Church, Derwen Street, Bridgend, on Friday (October 6) is the venue for Bridgend Male Choir's annual concert.

This year's concert, which has already sold out, will see the choir's musical director Ryan Wood and guest soprano Charlotte Vaughan (currently starring in *Phantom of the Opera* in the West End) deliver both an inspirational and varied programme.

The compere for the evening will be the renowned Beverley Humphreys, the broadcaster, writer, singer, and speaker.

On Tuesday, October 24, the choir embarks on its annual tour, this time to Majorca where it will support charity fundraising by the Anglican Church, Calvia Lions and Rotary International throughout its stay.

Prior to the concert at the Cap Vermall Cultural Centre, Cala Ratjada on Wednesday, the choir will attend a welcoming reception with the Mayor and local dignitaries, with entertainment of typical Mallorquien dancing and the local children's choir.

It will not be far for the choir to travel on the following day as the choir entertains guests and local groups at their hotel, Hotel Zafiro Rey Don Jaime, Santa Ponsa.

The highlight of the tour will be the final concert at the Gothic Roman Catholic Cathedral of Santa Maria of Palma (more commonly referred to as La Seu) which has a seating capacity of 1,400 people.

It's not all 'work', as excursions have been arranged, with visits to Capdepera, Palma and Bellver Castle, giving ample time to sample the delights of the island.

To avoid disappointment, now's the time to buy tickets for the choir's next local performance on November 24, at Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Church in Maesteg.

The choir, along with guest soprano Angharad Morgan, will be performing in support of church funds.

Martin Cadogan

Bridgend Quiz League results

THE results for Bridgend Quiz League for September 2 are as follows:

Division 1: Crown Maesteg 34, Five Bells A 37; Penybont FC Nomads 51, Tondu Railway Club 38; Ty Risha Royals 40, Mackworth Arms 32.

Division 2: Oddfellows Arms Bettws 40, Laleston Inn B 49; Pheasant Poachers 43, Chatterton Shunters 50; Prince of Wales Coychurch 35, Pheasant Gamekeepers 53; Five Bells B 39, Cabo Roche 50.

QUIZ LEAGUE TEASERS

1. 'Sidesaddle' and 'Roulette' were No 1 hits in 1959 by whom?

2. What were the names of the three cinemas that Bridgend used to have?

3. 'Jenny and me was like peas and carrots' is a line from which film?

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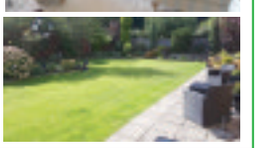

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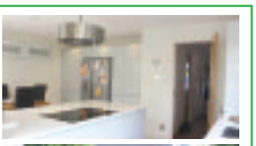
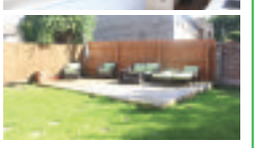

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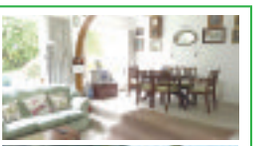
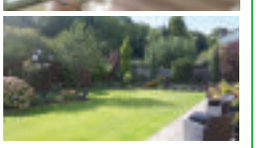

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Another win for The Seaweeds

PORTHCAWL welcomed old foes the Green Stars to South Road, seeking to extend their unbeaten record for the season, especially following the sound win at Abercrave the previous week.

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With hooker Jack Williams unavailable, the reliable Gavin Williams again stepped in as makeshift hooker, alongside Jamie Uren, enjoying a start in place of substitute Tim Lunn at loosehead.

The first half was a slow affair, despite skipper Richard Hnyda and fellow lock Nick Nutman, along with Leon McNally, controlling the lineouts, with the Stars having a slightly better time of it at the scrums.

There was just one try from Porthcawl, scored by Morgan Haylock who stepped in at scrum-half. Josh White converted for 7-0 before the Green Stars got points on the board when a penalty was given for a Porthcawl off-side, leaving the half-time score at 7-3 to the home side.

The second spell was a better half altogether, with both sides managing to get tries on the board.

With Porthcawl's man-of-the-match Jon Phillips leading the way with an interception try, the Seaweeds racked up three others through returning centre Gareth Rees, skipper Hnyda and McNally, with White's accomplished boot yet again providing the extra conversion points to three of these.

The Green Stars profited from some good fortune for their efforts, forcing home errors into a couple of interceptions, one leading directly to a try, the other leading up to the ruck which set up the second try.

With both tries converted, a match that turned out to be somewhat erratic in parts yet entertaining overall, finished at 33-17 to Porthcawl.

This saw them hop back to the league top spot as Bridgend Sports went down heavily at Swansea Uplands.

Porthcawl and the Sports meet in the league again in two weeks at the Bandstand Field, but in between the Seaweeds visit Pontycymmer in the next round of the WRU Bowl competition on Saturday.

A good win at Lawrence Park, by no means an easy feat, could see the Seaweeds going to Bridgend still unbeaten, so there is plenty to aim for, with coach Rhys James stressing the need for concentration on the challenge ahead.

A reminder to all club members and the rugby public, icon David Duckham returns to Porthcawl RFC on Thursday, October 12 for an evening of nostalgia and rugby humour from his glittering career with the Lions, Barbarians and England.

Call the club for tickets on 01656 784242 or Paul Fielding on 07768 418308.

PF

ABOVE: A line out in the closely-contested Youth game against Cowbridge PICTURE BY JOHN CANNON.

Bridgend Athletic youth edge Cowbridge in Welsh Cup

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Paul added: "The coaches have also identified areas they need the side to improve this week in training."

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC YOUTH 17, COWBRIDGE YOUTH 16

Bridgend Athletic youth of the Ospreys A League entertained Cowbridge of the Blues Region A League in a first round Welsh Youth Cup tie.

In difficult conditions both sides treated a large crowd of home and travelling supporters at Newbridge Fields to a highly entertaining open game of rugby which could have gone either way.

It was a pity that this was a first round tie, with both sides deserving to progress further in the tournament, but on the day a late converted try put the Bridgend Athletic team through to the second round by the narrowest of margins 17 points to 16.

Cowbridge opened the scoring with a well struck penalty. The Athletic found a well-drilled Cowbridge defence hard to break down until centre Dan O'Sullivan was tackled just short of the line following a 50-metre break.

Outside half Morgan Roberts received good ball from a forward drive and showed great skill in gathering his own chip ahead before feeding supporting flanker Joe Grabham with a well-timed inside pass, and he crossed under the posts. Matthew Hobby's conversion put his side 7-3 ahead.

Resolute defences kept out both sets of strong-running backs, until on the stroke of half-time when Cowbridge crossed for a well-converted try from out wide to lead 10-7 at the interval.

The second half mirrored the first with both sides producing high-quality rugby. Matthew Hobby levelled the scores with a long-range penalty.

A lack of discipline and frustration saw Athletic flanker Joe Grabham yellow carded at a ruck. Cowbridge kicked the penalty, and a further penalty during the sin bin period, to stretch their lead to 16-10.

Restored to their full playing complement the Athletic produced some scintillating rugby. A great touch finder from a penalty by full back Levi Hallett gave the Athletic a line out five metres out.

A well-executed training ground move saw prop Callum Swinford take the ball at pace from top of the line out ball and cross for an excellent try. Hobby was coolness personified as he slotted the conversion to put the Athletic 17-16 ahead with five minutes remaining.

The Athletic then controlled possession to see out the game for a hard-fought but deserved victory.

This Saturday, the Athletic youth are home to Pontardulais in an Ospreys A League match.

AB

Bridgend Sports mini and junior rugby round-up

The under-9s took on Cambrian Welfare.

The under-16s in action against Waunarlwydd in the Ospreys Cup.

A few fixtures fell victim to the autumnal weather this week, as the heavy rain on Saturday forced to cancellation of away games for the under-12s, under-13s and under-14s, while the mini section's games, at home, all survived to ensure a full programme.

The under-8s, under-9s and under-10s all hosted Rhondda side, Cambrian Welfare.

The under-7s took to the field first, just as the drizzle started.The weather may have been damp, but the youngsters refused to let it affect their rugby as they scored a mix of individual and team tries.

All squad players took part in the game, to the delight of the enthusiastic parents. Tyler Pascoe enjoyed his debut appearance to claim his first tag. Tries were scored by Archie Hall, Gethin Roberts, Rhodri Griffiths, Ollie Balmer, Leo Dadsmo and Matthew Griffiths.

Ellis Luke tagged especially well in only his second match and teammate Seb Stowe claimed some great tags.

The team was complemented by the supportive and encouraging performances of Ellis Kendal, Holly and Aaron Eynon. The Sports managed to outscore their opponents by one try in each period, both periods ending six to five in favour of the home team.

The under-8s, in the true spirit of the game, shared players with their opponents, with Sports players Dan Perriman and AJ Cawley scoring a try each for the opposite team in the first game.

The weather had a major influence on play and the players took the whole of the first game to adapt. The second game saw a big improvement.

Tries from Rafferty Williams, Evelyn Murray, Dan Flower, Dan Perriman, Rhys Evans, and Kayden Jones could not prevent a Cambrian victory but most important, it was rugby that was the winner on the day.

Kayden Jones was the Sports' star player of the week, final score Bridgend Sports 9, Cambrian 16.

Cambrian under-9s opted to play seven-a-side rugby as illness robbed their team of a few players.

Both sides showed some good handling skills, considering the poor conditions with good running, off-loading and tackling also on display.

The Sports started slowly in the first game, conceding an early try but fought back to a 25-10 win with tries from Noah Roberts (three), Billy Carpenter-Davies and Leo Giraud.

They also emerged from the second game with a 20-10 win with tries from Gethin Evans, Jayden Walters (two) and Noah Roberts.

The whole squad played well but the team star player of the day was scrum half Oliver Alexandre, whose passing from the floor was first class and he backed this up with some brave tackling.

The Sports under-10s played three, 10-minute periods, again opting to share players with their opponents. They also made a lethargic start before springing to life in the third period.

The Sports scored some good tries with much-improved rucking and tackling in the third period. Despite the slow start the Sports outscored their opponents in each period.

Scores were as follows: First period, Bridgend Sports 14 Cambrian 7; second period Bridgend Sports 7 Cambrian 5 and the final period ended Bridgend Sports 30, Cambrian 0.

Sports players Ryan, Dylan, Theo and Cameron deserve special mention for volunteering to play for Cambrian in the true spirit of rugby. Joe Wright put in a man of the match performance.

The under-11s played Nantyffyllon, once again putting in a great effort in difficult conditions, to outscore their opponents by 50 points to 7.

Last, but certainly not least, the under-16s crowned off the morning with a great 17-7 victory over Waunarlwydd in the Ospreys Cup which was rounded off with some great news, with prop Garyn Edwards selected for the Boys Clubs of Wales rugby squad.

Coach Lee Roderick is delighted with the efforts of all players as they head into the next round of the Ospreys Cup.

SP

Paul lands medal at championships

NORTH Cornelly's Paul Davies was among the medal winners at the European Para Table Tennis Championships in Slovenia.

The 50-year-old veteran reached the semi-finals of the class one singles, losing at that stage to fellow Welshman and eventual winner, Rob Davies from Brecon, but winning a bronze medal.

The match went to a deciding fifth set, with Rob just coming out on top.

Paul, a bronze medalist at the London Paralympics in 2012, was delighted to be back among the medals at a major championship: "It was a really good game," he said following his loss to Rob Davies.

"I've got to give the Rob credit. He is a talented player and I'm the master who taught him!

"He deserved to win, but I think I pushed him to get that win today. A lot of people questioned if I would come back after last year, and of course I wanted to.

"To perform here like I have done – I never thought I could do that – so it would be silly to stop now. I'm not finished yet – no way."

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Greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Family flowers only or donations to Cancer Research Wales. Funeral will be held at St Cadoc's Church, Llancarfan at 9.45 am on Thursday, 12th October, no black tie please.

WILTSHIRE
Alexander George (Alex)

Peacefully on September 24 at Bella Vista Nursing Home, Barry. Alexander George (Alex), aged 87 years of Collard Crescent.
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Alex will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Thursday, October 5. Service in the chapel at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family flowers only, if desired donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Alzheimer's.

JONES
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REID
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Special thanks to Reverend David Boult for his kindness and the service at the Crematorium. Many thanks also to Andrew Thomas, Funeral Director, for his help and advice.

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David Rosser and family wish to thank family and friends for their support, loving tributes and condolences at this very difficult time.

They would also like to thank all those who donated to Cancer Research Wales and the Ophthalmic Endowment Fund (Eye Clinic, Princess of Wales Hospital) in memory of Jill and John.

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Sheila and family would like to thank all who attended the funeral service on Thursday, 28th September and for the kind messages of sympathy and support at this sad time.

Special thanks to Canon Edwin Counsell and to Arthur and Jenny at W.A. Brown Funeralcare for their undivided attention.

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HILL
Norman (Nobby)

Grace, Greg and family would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their love kindness and support, also for the many cards and flowers received at this sad time.

Special thanks to the Rev Robert Priest, Llandough Hospital, East 8 and West 6 and all the Care Staff. Also, A.G. Adams Funeralcare for their support and care throughout. All Donations to DIABETIC UK kindly received.

HOOLEY
Barbara

Don Hooley would like to thank all who attended his wife, Barbara's funeral service at Barry Crematorium on Monday, 25 September.

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National competitions offer Welsh chefs the chance to become a star

AMBITIOUS chefs looking to make a name for themselves within Wales and internationally are being sought for two prestigious competitions launched recently.

The road to winning the coveted National and Junior Chef of Wales titles begins with two regional finals to be held in November. The two winners and the two best runners up will qualify for the finals to be held at the Welsh International Culinary Championships (WICC) at Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, Rhos-on-Sea next February.

First, chefs must get their entries in to the Culinary Association of Wales (CAW) by the October 31 deadline. The entry forms may be downloaded at: http://www.welshculinaryassociation.com/index.php/competitions/

From the entries, which must include the chef's own creative menu for a three-course dinner, a panel of judges will select regional finalists, who will be given three hours to serve up a three-course dinner for four people.

To qualify for the competitions, chefs must be of Welsh descent, or work or study in Wales. National Chef of Wales entrants must be over the age of 23 and Junior Chef of Wales competitors must be between the ages of 17 and 23 years on February 1, 2018.

The Junior Chef final will be held on Monday, February 12, the first day of the WICC, followed by the National Chef final on Thursday, February 15. In addition to the title, the national chef winner will receive a study tour to Holland with Koppert Cress, £250 worth of Churchill products and an engraved set of knives made by Friedr Dick.

The Junior Chef of Wales winner will receive a week's work experience with Simon Radley, executive chef at the Chester Grosvenor Hotel and Spa and a set of engraved knives from Friedr Dick. He or she will also automatically qualify for the Craft Guild of Chefs' Young National Chef of the Year contest.

Next year's WICC is set to bring all the nation's culinary competitions together in one venue for the first time. In addition to the National and Junior Chef of Wales competitions, the four-day event will also host the Battle for the Dragon contest between Wales and two international junior teams.

In addition, the culinary finals of Skills Competition Wales will be held together with the Major International Regional Competition.

Arwyn Watkins, Culinary Association of Wales president, said: "The Welsh International Culinary Championships is the perfect place for all these competitions to come together for the first time.

"I welcome the co-operation and collaboration by the organisers of all the competitions and look forward to showcasing culinary and hospitality skills over four days at Coleg Llandrillo Menai."

The WICC are organised by the CAW and main sponsor is Food and Drink Wales, the Welsh Assembly Government's department representing the food and drink industry. Other sponsors of the WICC include Meat Promotion Wales/Hybu Cig Cymru, Castell Howell, Harlech Foods, Nuttals, Churchill, MCS Tech, Rollergrill, Koppertcress and Dick Knives.

For more information, contact Vicky Watkins at CAW: office@welshculinaryassociation.com

AM asks how will education plans aid Welsh medium schools?

OGMORE AM Huw Irranca-Davies is pressing the Welsh Government to ensure that Welsh-medium schools are able to recruit the teachers they need.

During a debate at the National Assembly, he welcomed a statement from Education Secretary, Kirsty Williams AM, on the future development of education in Wales.

He wanted to know how her announcement will assist Welsh-medium education, in particular.

He said: "I am pleased to have two excellent Welsh-medium schools in my constituency: Ysgol Llangynwyd serves the west, and Llanhari serves the east – but both will find difficulty in finding sufficient numbers of chemistry, maths and physics teachers, and so on.

"With increasing demand for high-quality Welsh-medium education in all subjects, how are we ensuring that we improve educational standards for all children and young people, particularly in the mother tongue of Wales?"

Ms Williams agreed and said: "If we're to have an equitable education system, we need to ensure that children have equal chances, whether they are in English-medium, Welsh-medium, or bilingual provision.

"That's one of the reasons to make a decision about slowing the curriculum introduction down slightly, so that we can address the needs, specifically in the Welsh-medium sector.

"There are a number of programmes in which we can do that, including alternative routes into teaching for more mature students, maybe developing people who are working in a learning support capacity.

"It's about increasing our secondment schemes so that people who have language capabilities can have a break from school to develop them further."

Can Noodle find a place in your life?

DOG of the week at Bridgend Dogs Trust is Noodle.

Noodle is an eight-year-old Bichon Frise.

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He would prefer a quiet home with owners who can be patient and kind when helping him settle in. Noodles can live with children 14 years old and above. He would suit a retired home set-up.

If you would like more information on Noodle, pop down to Bridgend Dogs Trust, CF31 4NG; or call 01656725219 or visit: www.dogstrust.org.uk.

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LET'S GET OUT!

ARE you over 60 and isolated? Have you lost your confidence?

If you need short term support and motivation to get out of the house, perhaps to join clubs and activities in the Vale, this project can help.

Toby Messer of Age Connects said: "We will share our knowledge of what is available in the community and support you to become more involved. This could be through escorting, or organising transport to activities and clubs.

"Perhaps there is a class that you have been wanting to try – but lack motivation to get there? The 'Let's Get Out' project will provide up to eight weeks' support, helping you to overcome barriers.

"You may want a volunteer to walk with you to the local shop until you have gained confidence; or to attend an activity with you, until you feel comfortable going on your own.

"The focus of the 'Let's Get Out' project is to help those who would otherwise be isolated to create strong friendship groups. We aim to bring people together to establish friendships and share interests throughout the Vale of Glamorgan."

Contact Toby Messer at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale on 07377 414806 for further information.

Got a story? Then get in touch with us - email editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk or call 01446 774484

Welsh rugby stars out in force to help local farmers' charity tractor run raise £4,000

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

A TOTAL of 94 tractors took the scenic route on a tractor run from Llanillud Farm near Pencoed, finishing at the Griffin Inn Gilfach Goch, where more money was raised for charity with a barbecue.

Welsh rugby players past and present were there to help the event along, and Scott Quinnell made his mark by autographing one of the tractors!

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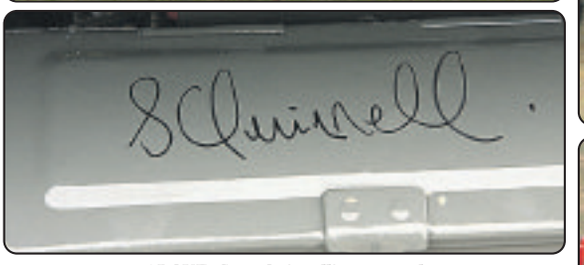

ABOVE: Scott Quinnell's autograph.

The tractor autographed by Scott Quinnell.

Lunch of Champions welcomes boxing stars

Lee Selby.

Nicky Piper.

WS Marketing is delighted to bring boxing superstars back to the Vale for the Lunch of Champions on Friday, October 27.

After a successful launch event in March, the Lunch of Champions is once again returning to the Vale with a selection of world boxing's biggest stars!

The guest speakers are Lee Selby, IBF featherweight champion of the world and Kellie Maloney, former manager of undisputed heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis, Nicky Piper MBE, former commonwealth light heavyweight champion is once again our host for the evening.

Founder of the Lunch of Champions, Wesley Skene, said: "Boxing is the biggest sport in the world and Wales is at the center of everything!

"We also have the most talented British fighter in Barry's very own Lee Selby.

"I'm incredibly proud that Kellie Maloney can also join us for dinner. Kellie was one of the leading managers in the 1990s, guiding Lennox Lewis to world title glory with victories over Evander Holyfield and Frank Bruno.

As well as an exciting evening of boxing stories and delightful dinner at the Copthorne Hotel, Culverhouse Cross, there will also be an auction of boxing memorabilia.

Tickets are now available online at www.lunchofchampions.co.uk.

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Island Marine Blues thank sponsors

ISLAND Marine Blues under-9s are smartly kitted out for the new season – thanks to new sponsors. Coaches, players and parents have said a big 'thank you' to Paul Edwards, of Vale Independent Financial Advisors Ltd and Lee Hawkins, of Hawkins Antiques for their generous support.

New kit for Holton Road under-7s

Holton Road AFC under-7s would like to say a big thank you from all coaches and players to Nick Cummings, the owner of NC Building & Maintenance, for supplying and sponsoring the players' kit this season.

Without the help of such local businesses, the club would struggle to supply the players with the correct kit and equipment, so again a big thank you from all at Holton Road AFC.

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Looking back to 1999 – with Brian Lee

THIS was the year that Bridgend's John Flint, now a successful trainer, saddled his first point-to-point winner.

It was also the year that boy wonder, Ogmore-by-Sea's Christian Williams, who went on to become a leading National Hunt jockey and who is now a National Hunt trainer, rode his first treble, and it was also the year that your correspondent was banned from attending the Banwen Miners' races. Correspondence on this matter was still continuing in the article below.

I am happy to report now that Bill Hancock, who banned me, and I now get on very well. In my younger days as a Roath (Cardiff) Harrier, I often competed against Swansea Harrier Bill in cross-country races.

Under the heading, 'Young Williams delivers hat-trick' this is what I had to say in The GEM:

"Sixteen-year-old Christian Williams from Ogmore was in brilliant form at the Tredegar Farmers' Hunt Steeplechases at Bassaleg on Saturday, riding his first-ever treble with *Kinnefad King* (restricted), *Africa Warrior* (confined) and Anorak (association club race).

"He rode a waiting race on *Kinneford King* to score by six lengths from *Rymin Thyne*, then half an hour later, aboard *African Warrior*, he held off the strong late challenge of *Boring* to win by a length.

"But it was on *Anorak*, that he rode a sensational finish when getting up on the long run- in to beat *Stirling Buck* by a neck.

"*Anorak*, who survived a bad mistake at the eighth, was a first winner for owner/trainer John Flint who, like *Kinnefad King's* owner Robert Jones, is a Margam steelworker.

"Williams,who rides out for Newport trainer Jimmy Neville, weighs out at eight-and-a-half stone and is the first 16-year-old to have ridden a treble.

"He has ridden seven winners this season and has a bright future ahead of him."

In the mixed open, Robert Rowsell's *River Room* confirmed the form with *Creme Supreme*, whom he had beaten a fortnight earlier. On that occasion, *River Room* had won by 25 lengths.

However, this time the fast-finishing *Creme Supreme* narrowed it down to 10 lengths without troubling the winner.

Basincroft was made an odds-on favourite to win the intermediate but could only finish a well-beaten fourth behind Heather Knott's *Nick The Biscuit*, confidently ridden by David Mansell.

Lambourn trainer Dai Williams, who hails from Risca, won the first division of the open maiden with his six-year-old mare *Minibelle*. Ridden by American Michael Traurig, *Minibelle* came with a good late run to win by 10 lengths from the pacemaking *Albert Woods*.

Adrian Watikins's homebred *Star Chaser,* partnered by Penho's David Stephens, was an easy winner of the second division.

Rudry's Pip Jones rode her 28th winner of the season when winning the members' race on Grant Lewis's *Veryvel*. Taking the lead approaching the last fence, *Veryvel* won by six lengths from the front running *Questionaire*.

West Walian Dai Jones won the mixed open race on the favourite *River Room* and David Stephens, riding 4-1 chance *Star Chaser* took division two of the maiden event.

More About Banwen Miners

Following last week's report that GEM point-to-point correspondent Brian Lee had been banned by the Banwen Miners' Hunt's Bill Hancock, MFH and clerk of the course, from attending future race meetings staged by the hunt, our reporter was approached by a number of people at Saturday's Tredegar Farmers' meeting who had read the report and who confirmed that what he had said in it about beer-swilling thugs spoiling the meeting was accurate.

One well-known racegoer said: "After what I saw, I will never go there again.".

Two more regular race-goers said that they had written to the racing press complaining about the meeting and the wife of one rider, whose horse broke a blood vessel during a race, said she was disgusted with the obscene comments made to her husband when he pulled up the horse.

Meanwhile, my thanks to Mr Handel Williams Jones for sending me a newspaper cutting about Cowbridge's famed National Hunt jockey Evan Williams, who won the 1937 Grand National on Royal Mail.

I think I am correct in saying that leading Welsh trainer Evan Williams of Llancarfan was named after him.

Am I right Evan?

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Division 2:

Airway Angels 239 (M.Carpenter 25), Castle Bandits 216 (B.Evans 25); Roller Coasters 213 (C.Thomas 25), Challengers 227 (L.Hibbered 23); Clickies 196 (M.Williams 28), Sea View Lights 265 (B.Stephenson 32); Bobby's Girls 244 (J.Bennett 27), Breakaways 208 (V Martin & J.Watkinson 23);

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Division 3:

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Division 4:

Aristocats 167 (C.Chatwell 28), Liberals 266 (G.Shier 32); Witches 229 (G.Sothall 23), Odd Bodds (T.Parry 28); HellRaisers 232 (C.Lewis 23), Bimbo's 201 (S.Lloyd 21) Nite Outers 215 (F.Glanville 26), Livin on a Spare 196 (S.Farmer 30).

Some teams are looking for new players - if interested please email helen.ball38@googlemail.com.

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Dinas Powys GC ladies results

ON September 5, the 18-hole Mary Nicholls Trophy Foursomes were played:

1st Sue Bridle/Sian Smith 78 nett, 2nd Ruth Yates/Lisa Ryley 78.5 nett, 3rd Ann Mahenthiralin/Annie Blackburn 81 nett.

On September 12, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Dorothy Amery 20pts, 2nd Samantha Saunders, 3rd Angela Brown.

On September 19, Glamorgan County Salver 18 hole Stableford: 1st Samantha Saunders, 2nd Sian Smith, 3rd Lisa Ryley.

On September 19, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Terry Unwin, 2nd Sue Thomas, 3rd Sharon Jesson.

On September 26, an 18 hole medal 10: 1st Carolyn Jones 85 - 14=71, on back nine from 2nd Samantha Saunders 102 – 31 = 71, 3rd Ann Mahenthiralingam 84 – 12 = 72.

On September 26, a nine hole Stableford: 1st Dororthy Amery, 2nd Terry Unwin, 3rd Sue Thomas.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Pool League round-up

THE champions Billy United travelled to O'Briens, and first up was Gary Roberts who again impressed and gave the Billy another winning start.

This continued with Martin Pring and Ian Roberts, but in Les Ashton's game he would be under the kosh, coming close to being seven-balled.

The resilient Ashton would fight hard and impress by beating his opponent. In the first set of doubles vice-captain Mark Ingram and Rhoose youngster Andrew Wilson, followed by Gary Roberts and Ashton would go on to make it 6-0 to the Billy.

The last set of four singles would all go to the away team, making it 10-0. Again the Roberts brothers gave no mercy to their opponents. Off the table the genial Roberts brothers are two of the nicest lads in the league, on the table they resemble the Krays – they don't take prisoners.

The night belonged to the Billy United who would whitewash O'Briens 12-0 to go top of the table, with Andrew Wilson coming of age.

The Wildcats hosted Finnegans, and although all players played well, the in-form Wildcats stole 11 out of the 12 matches.

Ceri Morris dished out seven balls in three of his games, unluckily none off the break; Ian Hill won all of his matches, with Steve Watkins winning four out of four and winning the man of the match.

For Finnegans the shining light was again Carson Martin supported by Kane Grindley, Lewis Croel and Joel Ball.

The Libs Rejects fought out an exciting 6-6 draw against the King William IV team from Cadoxton. Trailing 4-2 at the halfway stage, the King William would fight back with Neil Tipples and Les Hunt leading the way.

The Billy would win the last two doubles matches to set up a sudden death shoot out, with the cool head of Neil Tipples taking all the glory.

A draw was a fair result with Tom Ivins, Alex Campbell and James Bastow all playing well, but man of the match went to Mike Roberts who impressed in every game he played - thanks lads for a great night.

The Wanderers made the trip to the Ship in style, via limousine, to take on top of the table team.

Rhod Thomas got them off to a winning start. The Ship won the next two frames, but Nick Taylor made it 2-2.

The doubles were shared to make it 3-3. The next set of singles were shared, with Boz Bartle and Taylor winning for the Wanderers and Graham Avaient and Adrian Leadbetter winning for the Ship.

The game would finish fairly at 6-6, another black ball sudden death shoot out. The home team won the lag and chose to go first, unfortunately missing the black.

Up stepped Taylor for the Wanderers, who wobbled the black, sending it across the table, only for it to return to the attempted pocket and disappear.

At the Millwood, Pot Jacks' closely fought contest saw the Dark Lords come away with a 7-5 win. Gavin Rowlands and Ralph Miners both scored heavily for the away side. For the Millwood, Nick Parry, John Proctor and Nigel Tutton were the stand-out players.

The Vale county team, the Islanders, would have no luck on their travels to Haverfordwest, losing 18-12 in the cup.

The team have a had a great season and if they win this Sunday at Neath, they will be promoted as division champions – good luck to James Hill and his team.

Please continue to follow the Vale of Glamorgan Pool League on Facebook, and many thanks to our sponsors - Asprou Barbers, Park Cescent, R&M Mobile Valeting and Eze Drive Driving School. **JB**

PUPILS TAKE PART IN GOTHIA CUP

IN 2015, Barry Comp pupils had the fantastic experience of being part of the Gothia Cup – held annually in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Before the tournament started, there was an opening ceremony which is hosted in a 30,000 capacity stadium. Each country has one team representing them, who carry the flag around the stadium and are introduced to the crowd. Barry Comprehensive School had this honour and wore an array of fun hats as we waved to the crowd to let them know the Welsh had arrived!

Once the opening ceremony was over, the tournament began.

The schedule was brutal. There were three league games on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, then every day after there were potentially up to two knock-out games all the way to the final.

We finished third in our group after defeats to strong English and Spanish sides, while somehow contriving to only draw with Swedish opponents who we dominated from start to finish but simply couldn't score against.

The results meant that our first knockout game was against the International School of Kenya. We played superbly and recorded a 3-0 victory, with goals from Jack Cutajar, Ryan O'Donovan and Jack Pascoe and we progressed into the next round against IRFK Olby of Sweden.

Although we took an early lead through Jack Pascoe, a dubious offside flag denied us a clear second goal, before the Swedes scored just before the final whistle to take the match to a dreaded penalty shoot out.

The lottery didn't fall in our favour and we exited the competition disappointed with the result, but ultimately proud of our achievements and that we had represented our school, town and country with passion and determination.

The last day saw the Barry Comp tour awards with the 'players' player of the tour' being awarded to Jack Pascoe and 'coaches' player of the tour' being awarded to Jaydon Colston. All of the players were exceptional in their approach and played a massive part in making this an experience that none of us will forget.

The team would also like to thank all of the local companies that supported us throughout the trip, but especially Mr Andrew Roberts of ICD Roof Solutions who supplied us with kit including strips and training gear. **AC**

Barry Comprehensive School Team.

Busy beer buggy and an 'outstanding' curry help Brynhill's drive for funds

THE Brynhill Men's first and second teams played the captain's select team recently.

This was the second year of the competition, organised by committee member and chair of greens, Jamie Griffiths.

A total of 72 golfers attended, comprising members, past members and guests from other clubs. The format of the day was four ball better ball stableford.

Captain Mike Underdown reported: "The weather was good, the course was in excellent condition, the beer buggy was put to good use – and the curry prepared by our caterer was outstanding!"

It was a hard fought contest, with the captain's team narrowly winning 7-6.

One match result was a little surprising – with the captain and his partner, off 15 and 16 respectively, beating last year's club champion and men's first team captain and his partner – this year's club champion and former professional – off three and plus-one respectively. The winning pair celebrated quietly in the bar afterwards...

"The day was a great success, with many acquaintances renewed with past members, and we raised much-needed funds for the club," said organiser Jamie Griffiths.

Vale Bridge Club news

RESULTS at the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for October 2 were as follows:

First, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans, 60.42 per cent; second, Simon and Debbie Richards, and Dave and Debbie Lea – both with 59.79 per cent.

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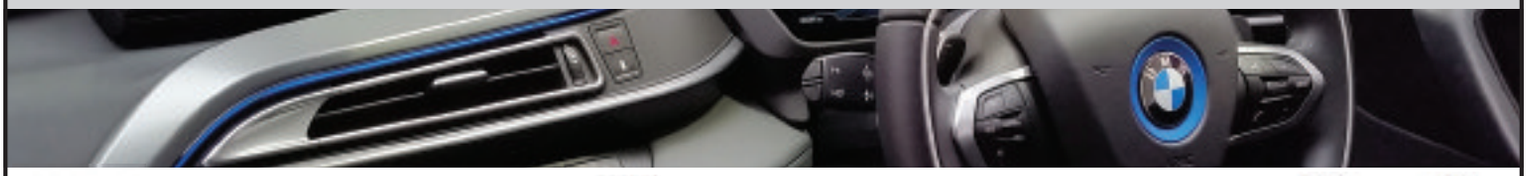

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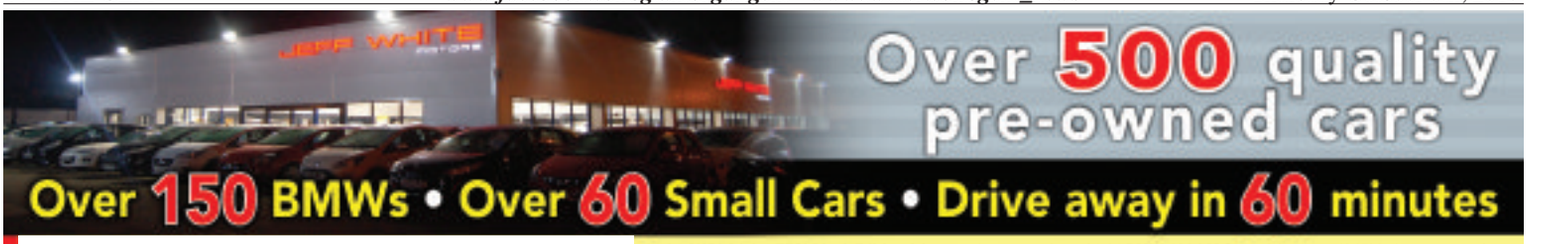

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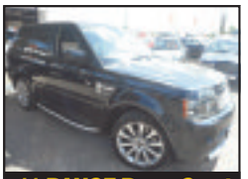

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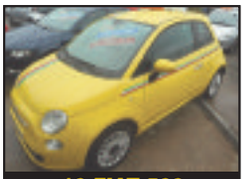

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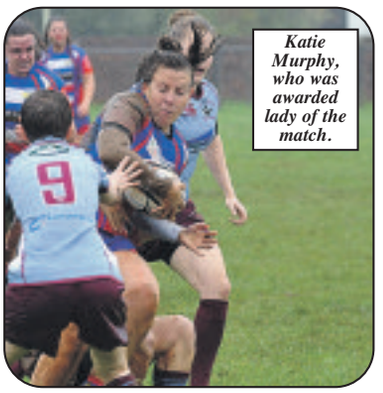

Katie Murphy, who was awarded lady of the match.

Rachel Jones.

Another try for Pencoed Phoenix.

THIS match created history at the Recreation ground with the first ever visit of the Royal Air Force Ladies select side to face Pencoed Phoenix.

The game kicked off in extremely blustery conditions and it took some time before either side could develop any continuity in their game. The opening quarter remained scoreless.

Phoenix were intent however on moving the ball wide despite the difficult conditions and this brought them their opening score, as back row forward Caitlin Smith supported her threes out wide on the right to take play into the visitors' 22 and recycled possession saw Leanne Burnell race over.

Smith was again prominent with a strong 30-metre burst before Natalie O'Shea and Amy Stevens took play to the visitors' try line. Good support work from Katie Murphy saw her drive through the attempted tackle to score and Phoenix led 10-0 at the break.

With the home side due to battle against the elements during the second half the home support could be forgiven for feeling a little apprehensive, however Burnell soon calmed home nerves with a fine try, showing good skills with a well-weighted kick ahead to win the race for the touchdown before adding the extras.

Soon after, she stretched the Phoenix lead to 20 points with a penalty goal. A close up scrummage then laid the platform for the fourth home try, Stevens straightening onto the pass of scrum half Sarah Payne to score.

Phoenix had now fully come to terms with conditions and added two further tries from O'Shea and a 60-metre interception effort from the speedy Hannah Seward. Burnell added both conversions for a final match scoreline of 39-0.

This match was played in the best of spirits with plenty of clubhouse banter between the teams.

For Phoenix, Katie Murphy was chosen as the best forward with Leanne Burnell as the best back.

For the services side, Kathryn Ratcliffe was picked as best forward with scrum half Sally Cox best back.

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Dominant win for Tondu RFC

Captain Hwyel Davies forces his way across the tryline.

Gareth Lindenburn is tackled.

TONDU scored six tries in a game that often boiled over at Seven Sisters.

Their opening try came from hooker Jake Lewis, following good work from the forwards. Josh Tatchell added the conversion.

Midway through the first half, Tondu opted to go for the touchline with a penalty, and a catch and drive from captain Hywel Davies brought their second try, again converted by Tatchell and it stayed that way until the interval.

The second half brought a wonderful try for full back Matthew Murphy after a break by Marc Roberts. The visitors led 19-0 before a mix up in defence resulted in centre Kyle Davies scoring a try for Seven Sisters; the conversion was added by Craig Howell.

At this point the home side seemed to find a second wind and were awarded a penalty try to bring them right back into the game 14-19.

But that was close enough for the Waterwheelers who then stepped up a gear, scoring three unanswered tries to secure a bonus point win.

The first was a second for hooker Jake Lewis followed by a brace for scrum half Gareth Lindenburn, the first of which was splendid team effort; both were converted by Josh Tatchell.

It was another memorable weekend for Tondu who entertain Seven Sisters in the WRU Plate first round on Saturday.

Tondu Seconds also won 84-14 away to Llantwit Major, so it was a good day all round for Tondu RFC.

Head coach Matthew Tatchell said: "It was an excellent game considering the conditions, and a well-deserved win at Seven Sisters."

MIKE SULLY

Attacking game sees Bridgend Athletic emerge as winners

IT was a pleasure to watch a game where two sides' priority was to play attacking rugby in difficult conditions.

The home side Waunarlwydd have shown they are an excellent attacking side this season, scoring 117 points in four matches, but also possessing a suspect defence which has conceded 105 points.

So, it proved in this encounter as Bridgend Athletic emerged from a 55 point match with 34 points in their favour, while conceding 21 and winning the try count by 5-3.

The Athletic front row of Matt Muir, Nathan Holman and Wayne Fooks, benefitting from the added weight of lock Jamie Doherty, drove the home side backwards at the set scrum causing Waunarlwydd to concede a third-minute penalty which outside half Robin Davies goaled from 45 metres.

Athletic flanker Ben Davies won turnover ball and released wing Mike Powell along the touchline. When he was halted scrum half Aled Thomas fed hooker Nathan Holman who, with a deft pass, put No 8 Sean Williams clear to step inside the full back for a well-taken try. Davies' conversion extended the Athletic lead to 10-0 after 10 minutes.

Waunarlwydd were trying to run from everywhere on the park, but excellent defence from the Athletic back row of Sean Williams and flankers Ben Davies and Tom Morgan and centres Tom Jenkins and Stuart Floyd-Ellis and young wing Tom James kept them out.

On the half-hour mark, good work at a ruck by lock Jonathon Stoker saw the ball reach outside half Davies, who broke through, made 30 metres and gave a well-timed inside pass to put speedy wing Michael Powell over for a 15-0 lead.

Powell was proving a handful for the home side and a 50-metre run straight down the centre of the field resulted in a scrum to the Athletic five metres out, but they failed to capitalise, conceding a needless penalty.

Scrum half Dan James replaced the injured Aled Thomas. Athletic man of the match No 8 Sean Williams won a line out 30 metres out and fed James who burst clear and chipped the full back for the ball to cross the try line.

Tom Morgan touched down, but James had been prevented from following his own kick by being tripped. The referee awarded a seven-point penalty try and yellow carded the defender responsible for the trip.

Two minutes later Athletic full back Dan Howells was on hand to capitalise on a dropped pass by the home side and hacked ahead, winning the race to touch down for the Athletic's fourth and bonus point try to lead 27-0 at half time.

Waunarlwydd came out strongly after the break and a yellow card for a technical offence by Athletic lock Stoker saw the home side capitalise with a close-range try for prop Dan George, converted by scrum half Lee Evans.

Strong ball carrying by Tom Morgan put Waunarlwydd on the backfoot and when the ball reached outside half Davies he jinked and dummied his way over for an individual try from 30 metres out. His conversion restored the 27-point Athletic margin.

The home side did not give up and caused a few jitters as two tries in five minutes from scrum half Evans and No 8 Jacob Blackmore, both converted by Evans, saw Waunarlwydd reduce their deficit to 21-34.

However, the Athletic controlled the last 10 minutes to prevent any more scoring.

Team manager Paul Hearne said: "This was a good win in difficult conditions and sets the team up for this Saturday's home Welsh Plate first round tie at the Morganstone Brewery Field against Bonymaen.

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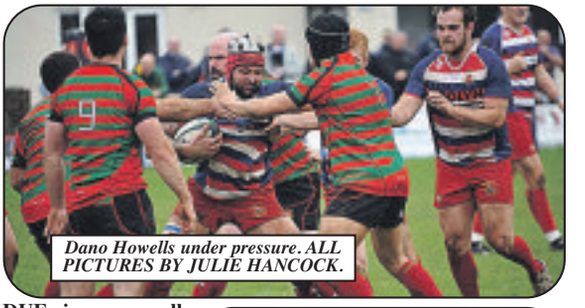
Jonathon Stoker isn't lacking support as Bridgend Athletic faced Waunarlwydd. PHOTOGRAPH BY JOHN CANNON.

Mistakes cost Pencoed dear



Dano Howells under pressure. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

DUE in no small part to a very lacklustre, ill-disciplined and error-strewn performance from Pencoed First XV, Nantyffyllon were able to take the spoils home with them.

Nantyffyllon opened the scoring with barely three minutes on the clock, when outside half N James kicked a penalty.

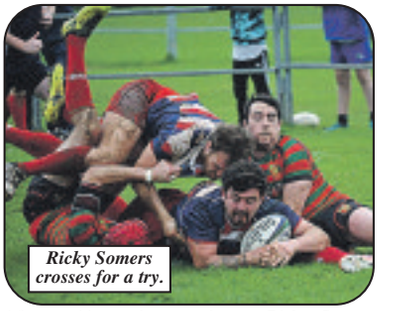
Pencoed's response was almost immediate.

Following a mistake from the visitors at the restart, Pencoed had an attacking five-metre lineout. From an ensuing driving maul, Rhys Vowles claimed the touchdown with Adam Williams adding the extras.

Pencoed then, through a mixture of unforced errors and ill-discipline, allowed Nantyffyllon to dictate the game.

This resulted in James kicking two successful penalties, on 11 and 22 minutes, to leave a half-time score of 7-9.

Nantyffyllon started the second half strongly.



Ricky Somers crosses for a try.

After 44 minutes Pencoed lost their No 9 to the sin bin, some on the field felt harshly.

However, Nantyffyllon were able to score an unconverted try via their scrum half, J Phillips, after 49 minutes.

Adam Williams brought the home side back in the game with a successful penalty on 53 minutes.

Unfortunately for Pencoed they were the next to concede. On 59 minutes, Nantyffyllon scored an excellently worked unconverted try by their No 6 C Philips.

Once again, Pencoed managed to pull themselves back into the game when, on 63 minutes, Ricky Somers showed excellent awareness at a ruck.

He picked up and powered his way over from some 10 metres. Adam Williams added the extras with a fine conversion from near the touchline.

This left the game finely balanced at 17-19 but to their credit, Nantyffyllon responded positively, resulting in their No 7, R Boast, scoring another well-worked unconverted try.

Pencoed then spent the rest of the game on the attack looking for a decisive score but the Nantyffyllon defence held firm for a final score of 17-24.

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